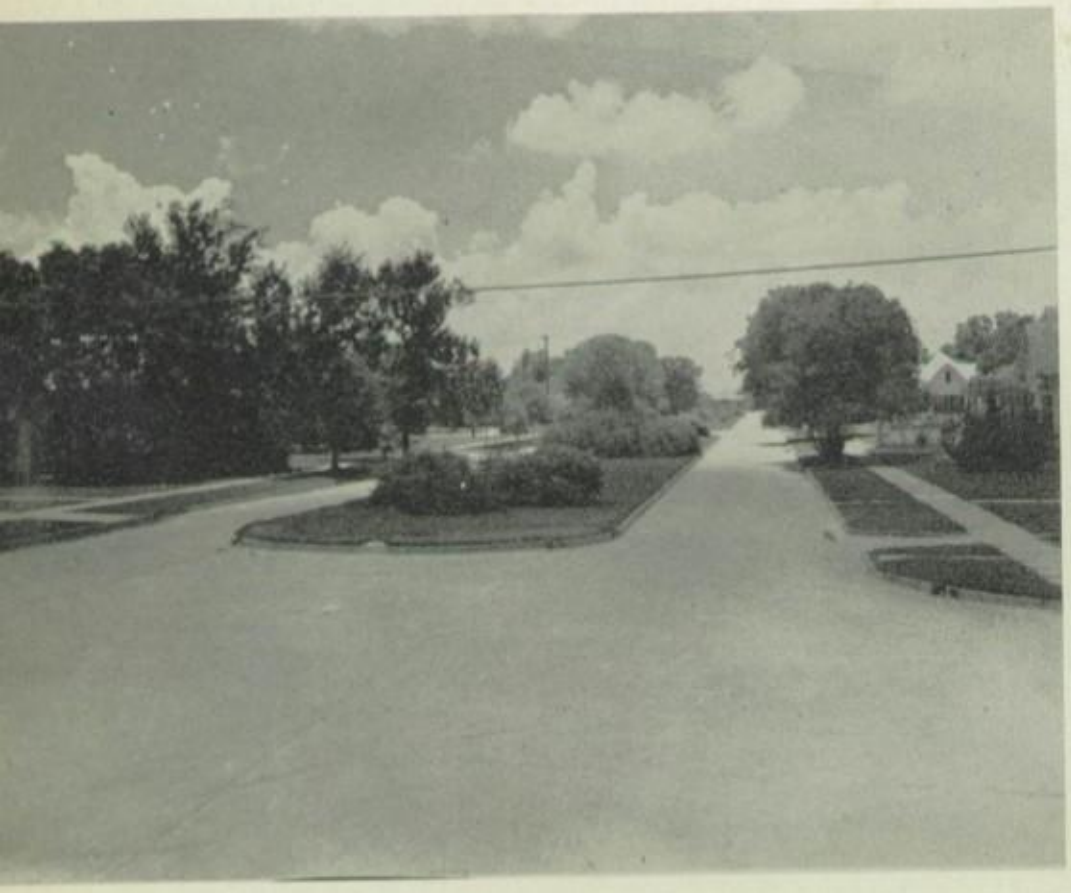
BLACK CAT

Our favorite pastime "STEEP BANKS" located on the banks of the Colorado River. May the Seniors of 1954 never forget the first day of spring and the lessons some of them left behind.

BAY CITY, TEXAS

"In the Heart of the Golden Gulf Coast"

Incorporated in 1895, this community of 12,000 has shown a steady, strong growth. Located in the Heart of the Golden Gulf Coast, "Our Town" now is on the threshold of its greatest expansion.



QUEEN CITY OF THE SOUTH

BARGES ON INTRACOASTAL CANAL

The Black Cat '54

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL,
OUR TOWN

CLAIRE LYLE JOHN REINKE
Editors-in-Chief

BAY CITY HIGH SCHOOL

BAY CITY, TEXAS

MAIN BUILDING BAY CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Foreword

CENTENNIAL 1954 TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM 1854

This year while the schools of Texas are cooperating in a statewide program celebrating the 100th birthday of the Public Schools of Texas we, the Staff of the Black Cat Annual, have chosen for our theme, "OUR TOWN."

In looking back over the years we cannot help but give honor to the town that has contributed to the growth of our school and the education program of the State of Texas. We, therefore, feel that by pausing a moment to glance about us here in our own community we may develop a greater appreciation and a deeper understanding of the beauty and richness which surround us in this nation of our Birth.

Our town, and our county, often known as the "Cradle of Texas History" has run the gamut of time, beginning in 1685 when LaSalle founded Fort St. Louis on Matagorda Bay.

Bay City, 25 miles from the Bay, is located on Bay Prairie, from which it takes its name. With an elevation of 52 feet, unexcelled water, and cool Gulf breezes the year around, public schools affiliated with all Universities, churches of every denomination, free public library, municipal water system, swimming pool, and railway facilities, Bay City is attracting citizenship which is now over 12,000.

THE STAFF

Dedication

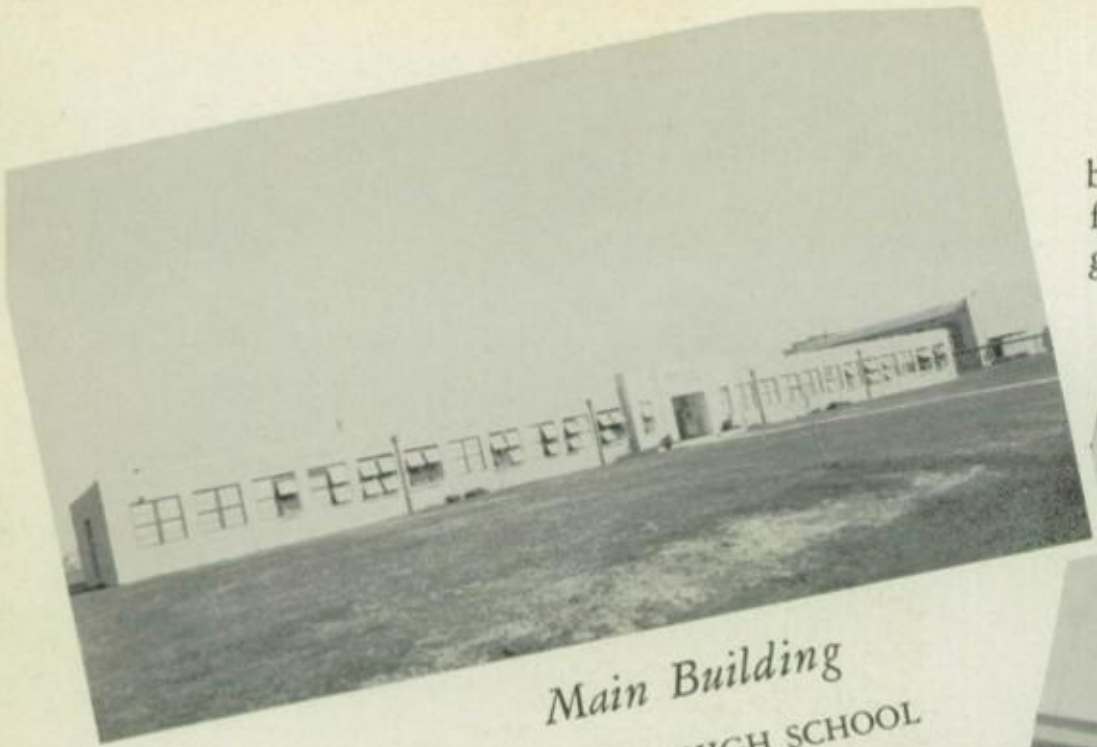
We respectfully dedicate this 1954 edition of the Black Cat to our beloved Principal, Mr. E. J. Myers.

Through his interest in our school and citizenship in our community, he has become an outstanding personage and example to all of us.

He is never too busy to help us with our problems, never too busy to talk to us and never too busy to do something for Bay City High.

Buildings

The story of the educational growth of Bay City had its beginning with the founding of Matagorda County. The first school building ever built in our county was at Matagorda in 1829. In 1854 we had our first free schools.



Main Building

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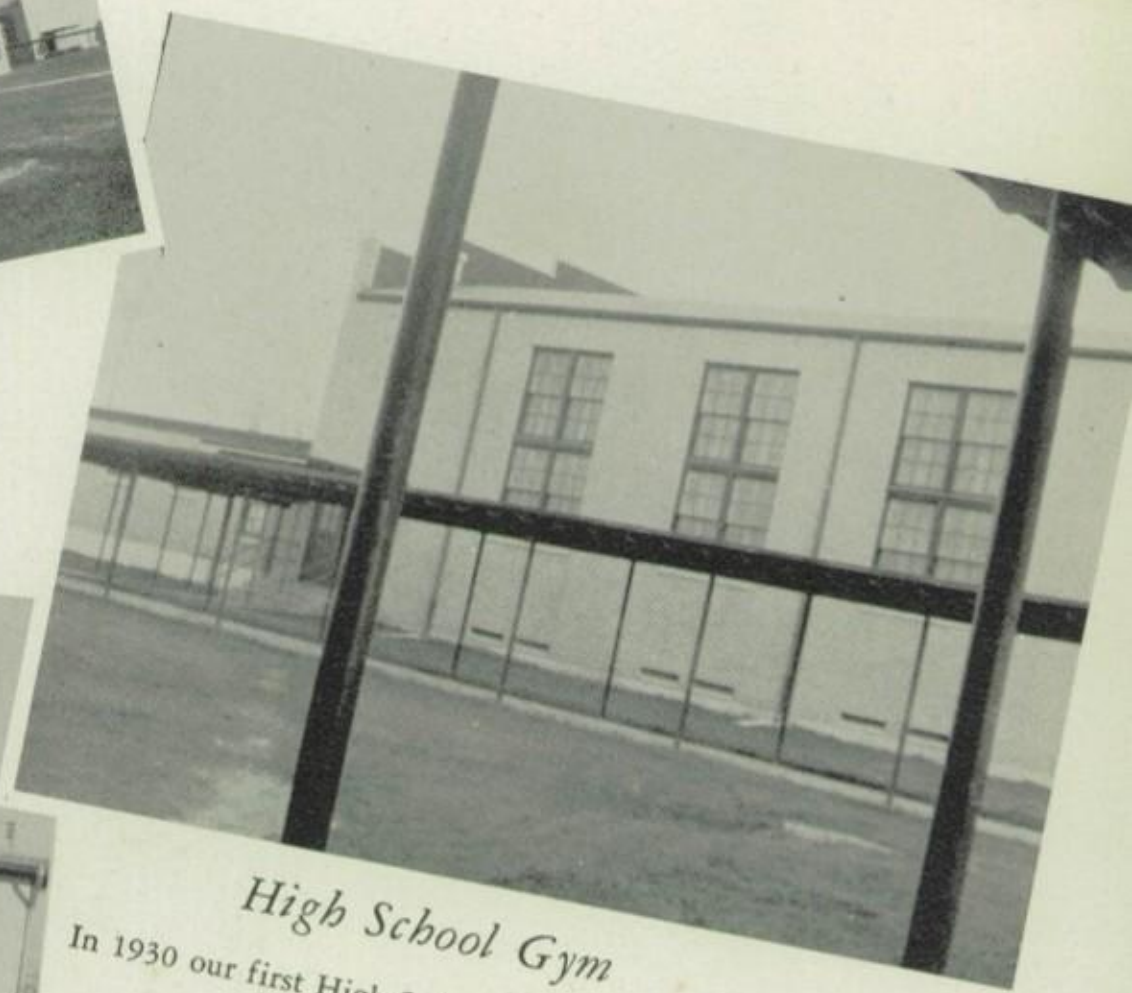
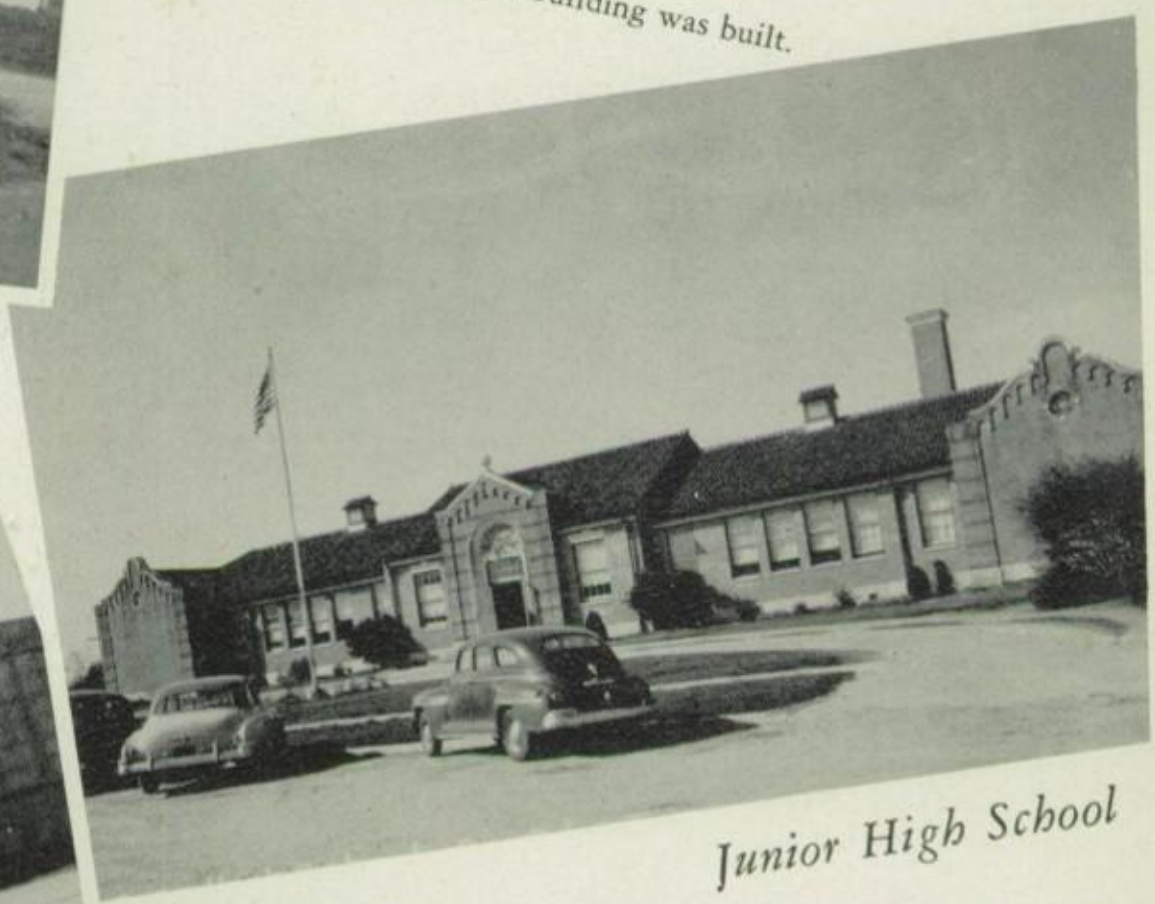


High School Gym

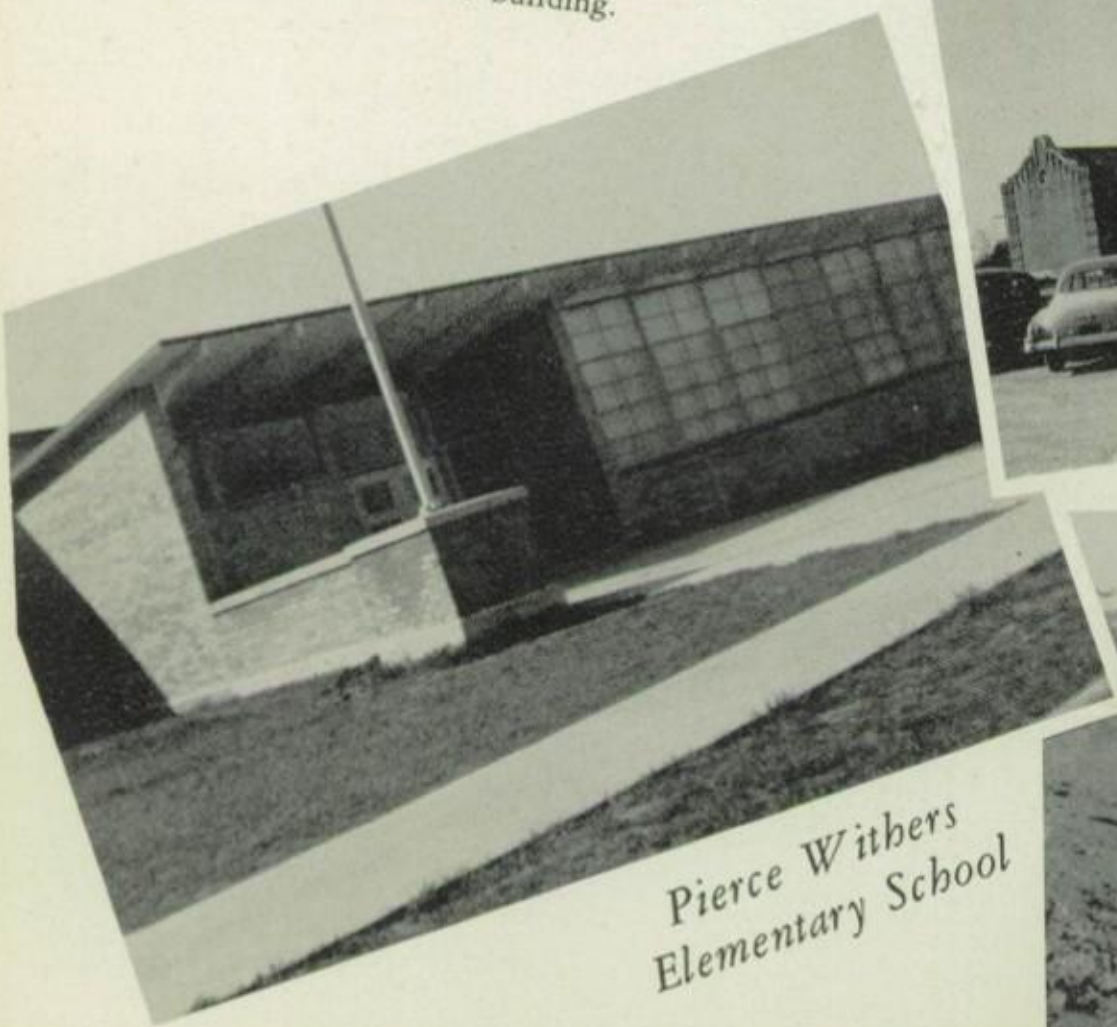
In 1930 our first High School Building was built.

Bandhouse

An eight room building was built in Bay City in 1895. This was our first school building.

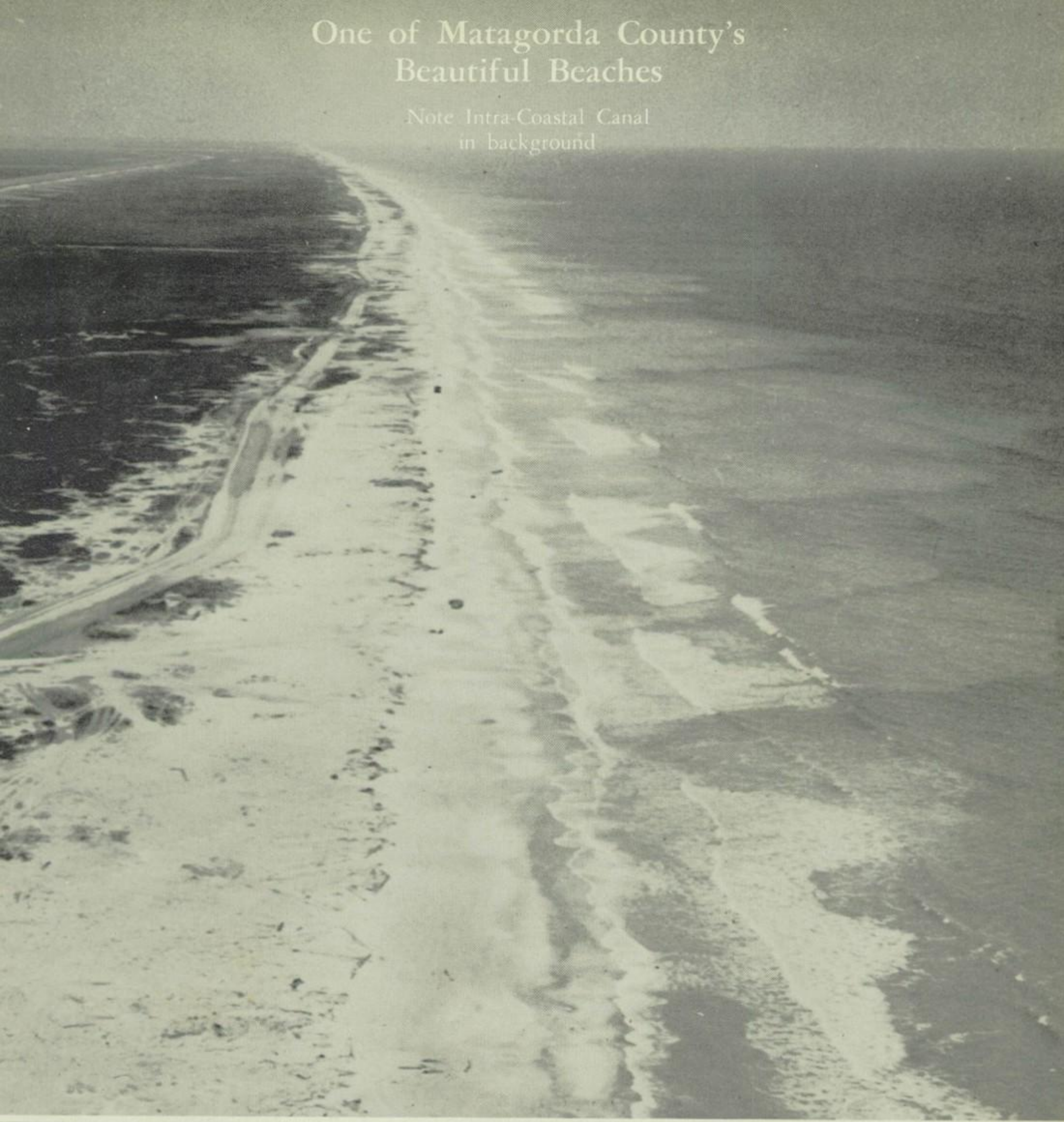


Junior High School



Pierce Withers Elementary School

Tennie Holmes Elementary School



One of Matagorda County's Beautiful Beaches

Note Intra-Coastal Canal in background

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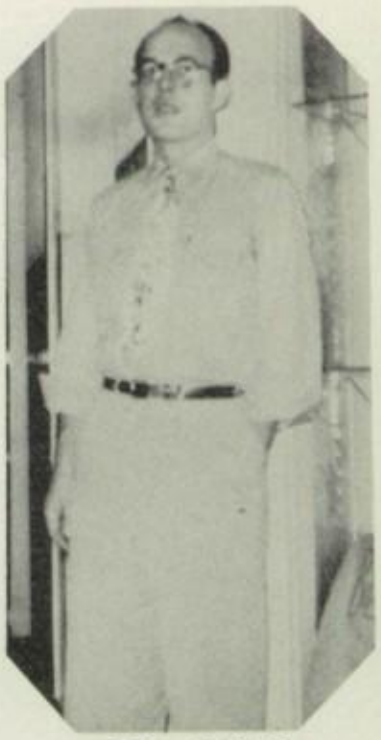
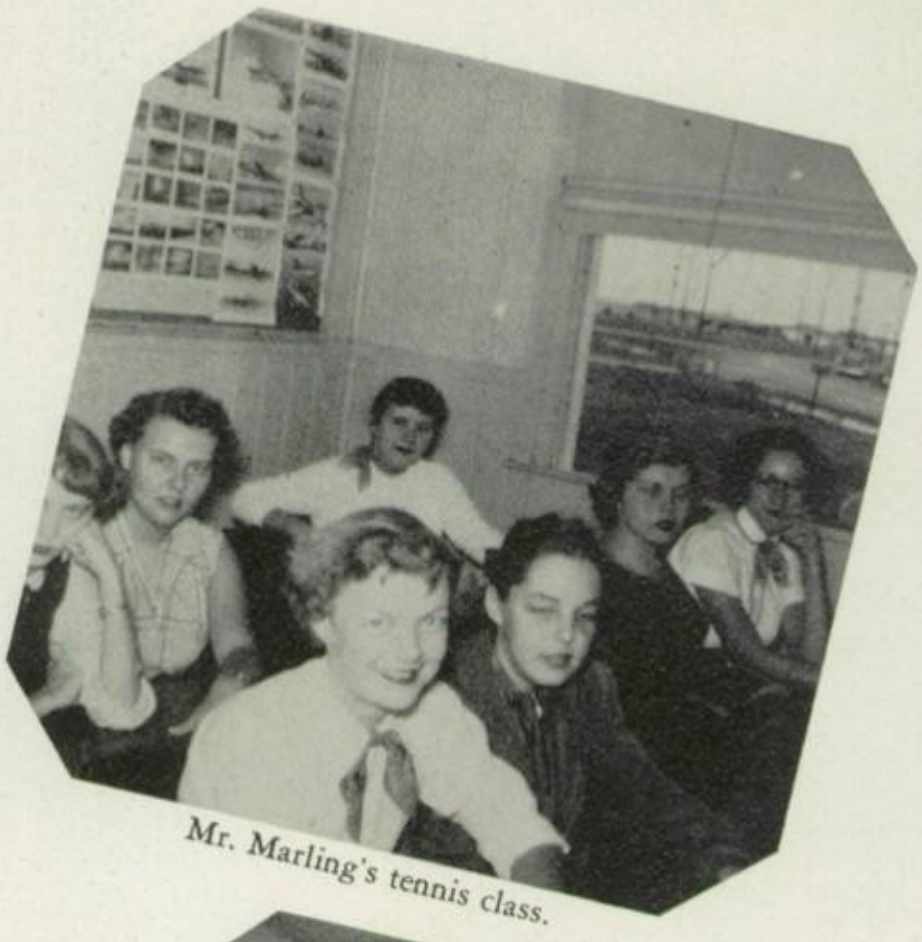
MRS. DICKERSON

MRS. COYLE


MR. KING

Lines

A group of Mr. McDonald's industrious bookkeeping students.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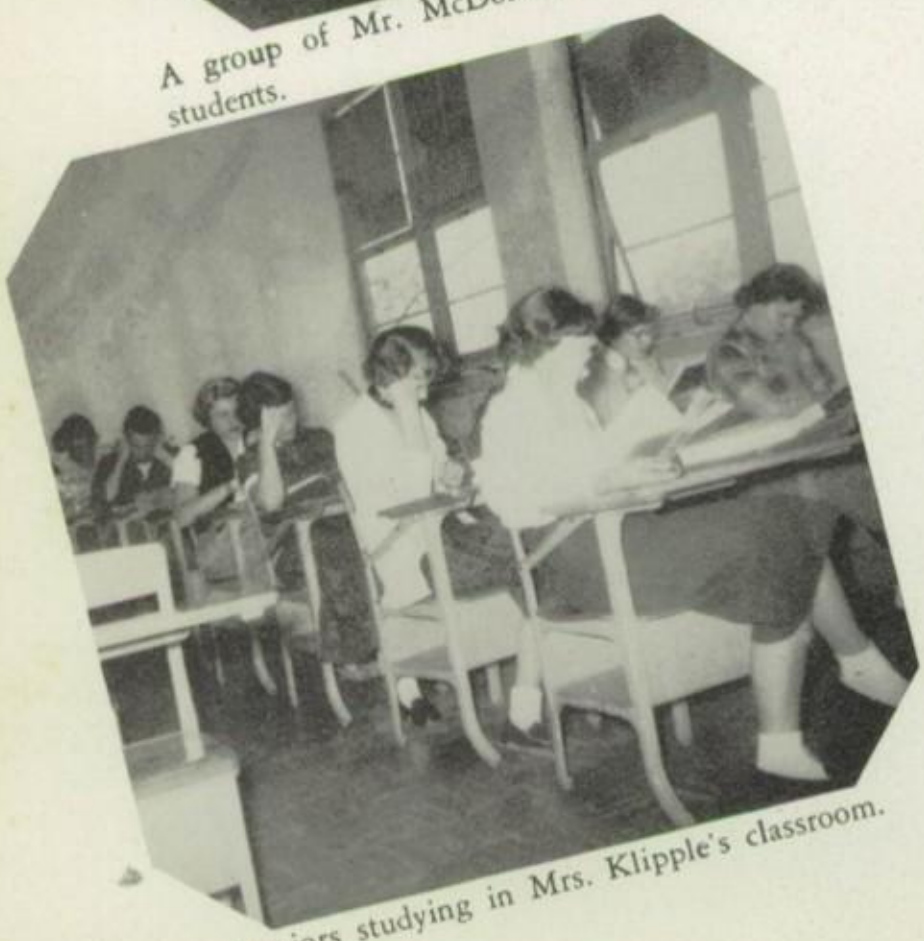
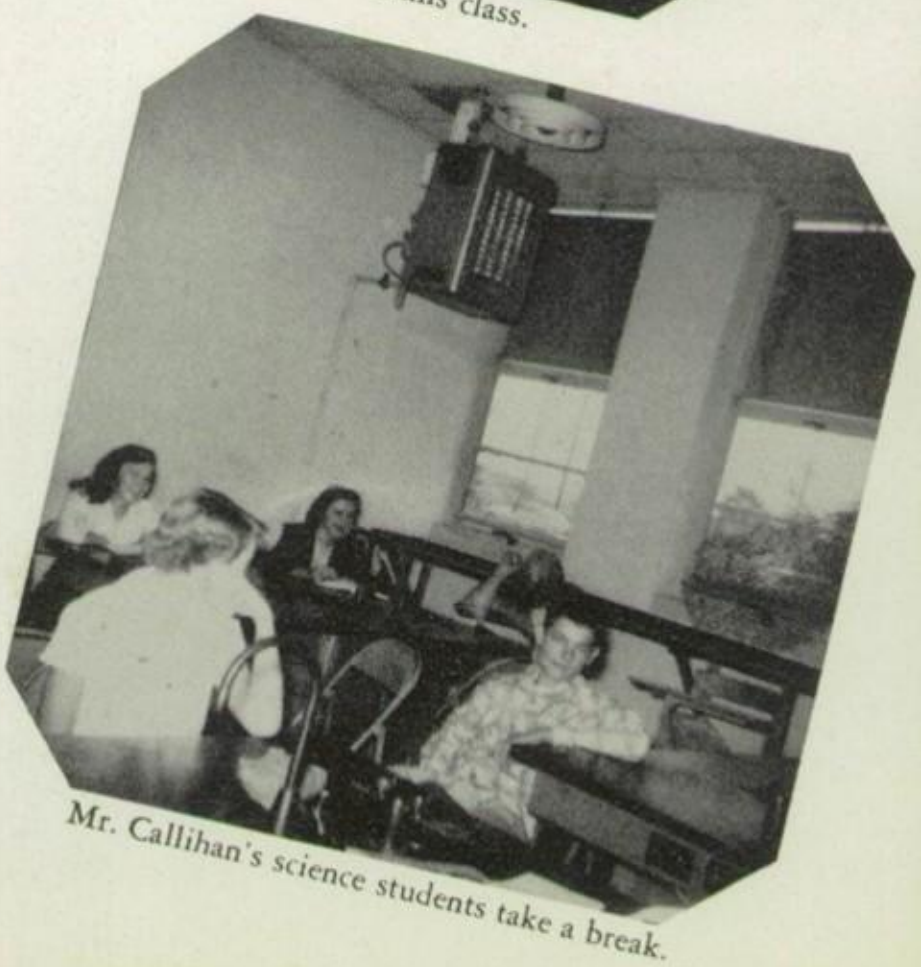

Seniors studying in Mrs. Klipple's classroom.


Mr. Callihan's science students take a break.

Superintendent's Message

TO THE GRADUATES OF 1954:

Education is essentially a creative unfolding of human life. It is the stuff from which come competent parents and substantial citizens. It teaches one to not only live with himself but with others. Our education for Democracy is a necessity for peace throughout the world.

You are progressing toward your place in the community. There is not a moment without some duty. You should consistently do your best to perform that duty. True happiness is the result of an enthusiastic performance of your duty. You can and must decide your destiny. Plant things in your mind which will later bear fruits of understanding and good-will. If you have faith in things unseen, it will give you strength and force in your conviction. Grow not weary in well-doing for whatever you sow, you will surely reap.

The amount of happiness and success that you obtain will depend upon you. There will be failures, but your greatest glory will be how well you may arise from your failures. "He who makes no mistakes does nothing; he who makes too many mistakes loses his job." So I entreat you to do your best.

JOHN H. CHERRY
Superintendent of Bay City Schools

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Hilma Huitt, Second Vice President; Mrs. D. M. Cashion, President; Mrs. Sheriton Burr, Parliamentarian. Second row: Mrs. Maurice Broughton, First Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Fanson, Secretary; Mrs. C. E. Carr, Third Vice President; Mrs. Galen Savage, Historian.

Parent-Teacher Association

Left to right: Mrs. W. A. Gavender, Chairman; Mrs. Charles Newman, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Joel Morrow, President; Mrs. Clarence Mehrens, First Vice President; Mrs. Howard Ham, Third Vice President; Mrs. Steve Collida, Corresponding Secretary.

The School Board

Seated, left to right: Mr. R. E. Graham, President; Mrs. Clara Mae Cochran, Secretary; Mrs. G. P. Hardy, Jr., and Mr. W. O. Salter. Standing: Mr. W. C. Tillman, Mr. J. D. Voyles, and Mr. Francis Savage, Vice President.

We, the school, the faculty, and the Black Cat Staff, express our deepest appreciation to Our Superintendent Mr. John Cherry for his helpfulness, his kindness, and his leadership, in helping us to have a full and successful school year.

MR. JOHN H. CHERRY
Superintendent of the Schools

Administration

Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Cherry's Secretary, checks her calendar to see if there is room to enter another important school function.

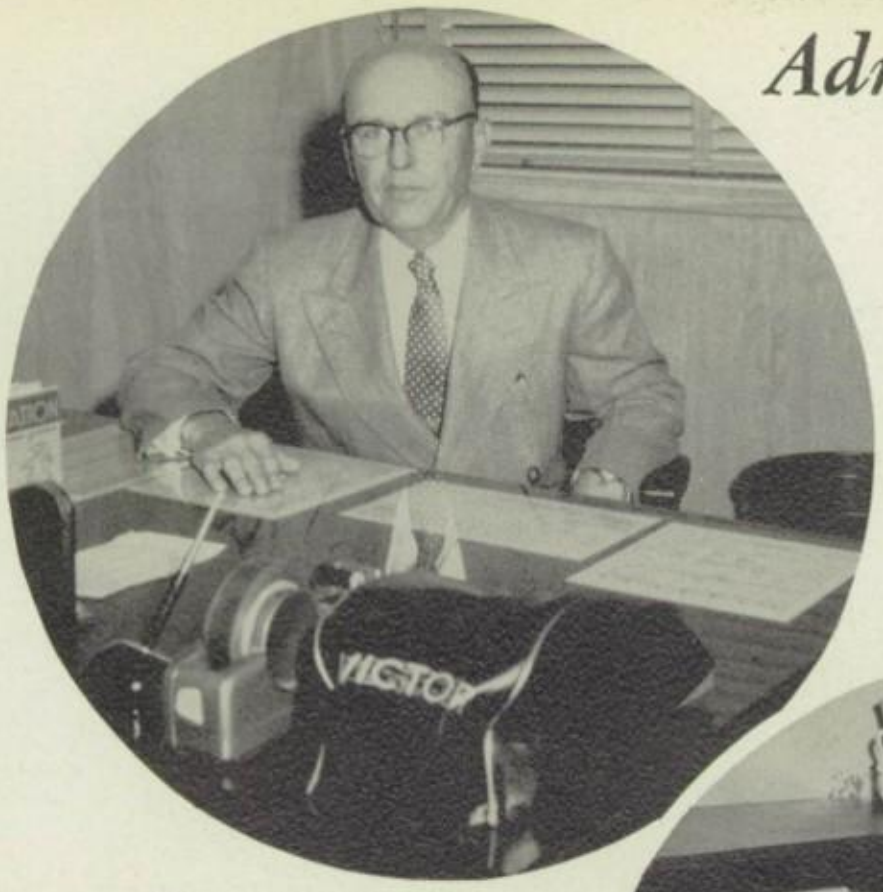
Mr. Liston the school's Business Manager takes one of the many calls that comes to his office.

Another familiar face we see in the Business Office is that of Mrs. Roberts. Maxine is our Assistant Tax Collector.

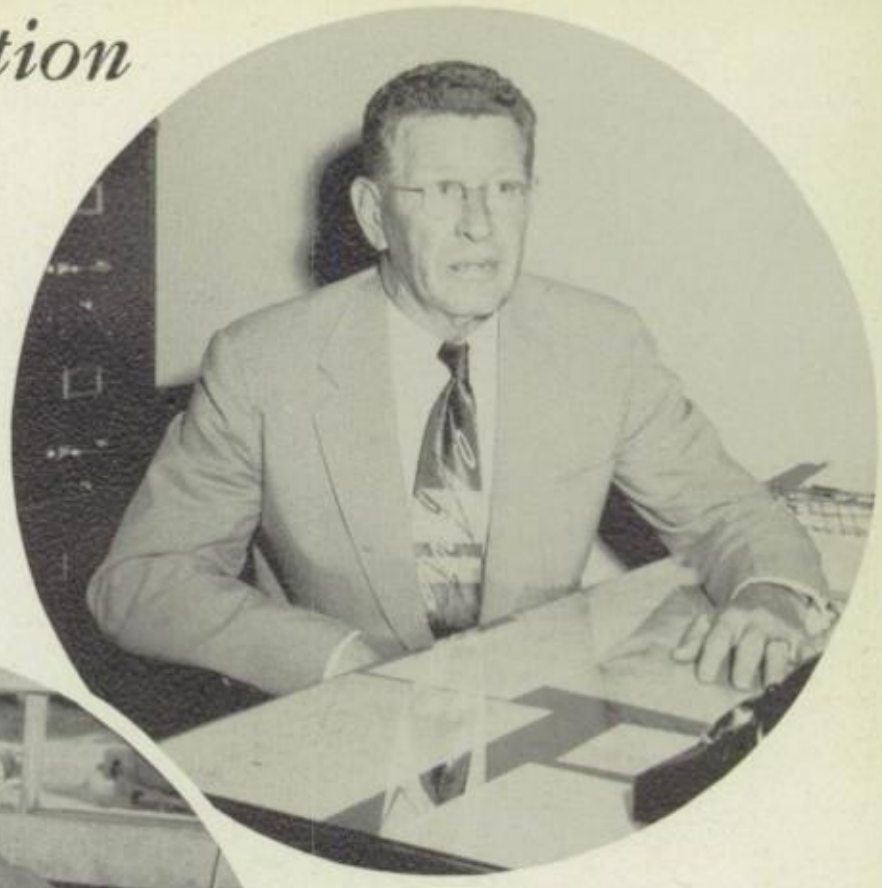
Another faithful worker in the Business Manager's Office is Mrs. Baker. She is Mr. Liston's Secretary and is very capable in selling season tickets to Black Cat football games.

Mrs. Dients goes over her receipts at the end of the day. She is our Tax Collector.

Administration



MR. FRANK BALUSEK
Principal of the Elementary Schools



MR. E. J. MYERS
Principal of the Senior High School

MR. KENNETH KERLEY—*Principal of the Junior High School*

Superintendents of the Bay City Schools from the year 1900 to the present day are listed as follows:

E. F. Taylor
W. T. Pollard
Mr. Frizzell
E. C. Quereau
R. E. Scott
D. R. Hibbetts
Roy Whisenhunt
D. E. Hutcheson
John H. Cherry

Standing: Superintendent of Schools John Cherry. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Dients, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Liston.

A Teachers Institute was held in Bay City on Friday and Saturday January 22 and 23, 1897.

Faculty

KEYE INGRAM
Spanish I and II
High School Counselor

LILLIE M. BALUSEK
Sixth Grade
English

JIMMY BARRON
High School
Band

LEON CALLIHAN
Science

EMMA CHAMRAD
Junior
High School
Librarian

LUCILLE CHRISTENBERRY
High School
Librarian

ROBERT CONKLIN
Junior
High School
Band

LOTTIE COPELAND
Junior High
Math
and History

MARGARET COYLE
Homemaking

PATRICIA DICKERSON
Homemaking

BESS EARLY
Latin and
World History

EVA EINKAUF
Eighth Grade
English

MARJORIE FARMER
Junior
English

ERWIN
GRAETER
Science

DON
HALEY
Head Coach

KARL
HICKFANG
Choir

AMELIA
IMHOFF
Junior High
History

LA VERNE
JECMENEK
Junior High
Geography
and History

HAZEL BETH
JONES
High School
Girls' Coach

GEORGE
KENYON
Commercial

KENNETH
KERLEY
Junior High
School Principal

CHARLES
KING
Sophomore
English

JEAN
KLIPPLE
Senior
English

VANCE
McDONALD
Commercial

NOLA
McWILLIAMS
Algebra and
Geometry

SAM
MAGLITTO
Basketball
Coach

E. D.
MARLING
Math

E. J.
MYERS
High School
Principal

DELLA
OLIVER
Reading
Spelling

EDWIN
PETERS
Seventh Grade
English

MARY
PETERSON
Geography

DOROTHY
PITCHER
School Nurse

JOE
ROGERS
Track Coach

O. A.
SCHRAUB
Junior High
Coach

DOROTHY
SHEARER
Junior High
Girls' P.E.

HELEN
SMITH
Geography
and Reading

J. E.
SMITH
High School
Math

JAMES
SOWELL
Agriculture

KERMIT
SPIELMAN
American
History

BONNIE
STATEN
Junior High
History

VEVI
STEVENS
Arithmetic

VI
SULLIVAN
Reading
Spelling

VALERIE
SWEENY
Arithmetic

MARY
VALON
Science and
World
History

FRANCES
WALRAVEN
Freshman
English

JO R.
WILLIAMS
Art

THE COURTHOUSE AT BAY CITY — This landmark, centrally located, has been a "guiding light" to visitors and travelers passing through "OUR TOWN."

Classes

Pictured coming out of the U. S. Post Office are this year's SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS. They are: Margie Byrd, Reporter; Dick Dye, Vice President; Ann Burr, Secretary; Louis Frank, President; Mary Jane Boring, Treasurer; and Bobbie Jean Long, Business Manager. Their sponsors are: Mr. Marling, Mrs. Ingram, Miss Farmer, and Mrs. Klipple.

Senior Class Officers

Seniors

LEWIS ANDERSON

FLC 50-53, Chess Club 53, Science Club 53-54, Pep Squad 53, Commercial Club 53, Sophomore Favorite, Slide Rule Club 53, Boys' State 53, Who's Who 53.

MAURICE ASHCRAFT

Football 51-54, All District 53 and 54, Basketball 51-54, All Tourney WCJC 53, Baseball 52-54, Track 53-54, Mr. BCHS 54, Football Sweetheart 54.

BARRY BARBOUR

Track 50-54, FFA 50-53, FFA Reporter 50-51, FFA Third Vice President 51-52, Annual Staff 53-54.

DONALD BELL

Annual Staff 53-54, Head Bookkeeper 53-54, Business Office Staff 53-54, Science Club 50-53, Tennis Club 50-52.

LANE BICKHAM

MARY JANE BORING

Vice President Freshman Class, FLC 52-54, Y-Teens 50-54, President 53-54, Cabinet 51-54, Annual Staff 52-54, Band 50-54, Band Council 54, Band Secretary 54, Twirler 53, Drum Major 54, Who's Who 52, Rice Festival Candidate 54, Homecoming Candidate 54, Y-Teen Rep. 52-54, Cat's Tale 52, Senior Class Treasurer 54, Who's Who 54, Senior Play Cast 54.

MARTHERLE BROUGHTON

FLC, Y-Teens Treasurer 52, Devotional 53, Vice President 54, Representative 52-53, Cabinet 52, 53, 54, FHA 51, Annual 53, Student Council 52, Volleyball, Pep Squad 52, Cheerleader 54, A Cappella 53, Lionette 53, 54, Homecoming Queen Nom. 53, One of ten most Beautiful Girls 54, Runner-up Valentine Sweetheart, Rice Festival Duchess 54, Most Beautiful Girl 54, Runner-up Miss BCHS, Senior Play Cast 54.

BRYAN BROWN

Science Club 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, Slide Rule Club 52.

ANN BURR

A Cappella Choir 50-54, Secretary 53, 54, Y-Teens 50-54, FLC 50, 54, Student Council 52-54, Parliamentarian 52, 53, Secretary 53, 54, Chess Club 52, 53, Secretary of Junior Class 52, 53, Secretary of Senior Class 53, 54, Pep Squad 50-54, Tennis Team 52, 54, FHA 51-54, Principal's Office Staff 53, 54, Whos' Who 52-54.

BRAD BUSCH

MARGIE BYRD

Transferred from Graham, Texas. FHA, Y-Teens, Pep Squad, A Cappella Choir, Reporter for Senior Class.

DORIS CAIN

Cat's Tale Staff 54, Annual Staff 54, Pep Squad 51, 52, Basketball 51-52, Volleyball 51, 54, FHA 51-53, Science Club 51, 52.

CHARLES CARROLL

JANELDA CHAMBERS

FHA 50-54, FLC 51-54, Science Club, Pep Squad 51-52, Y-Teens 50-52, Student Council 50-52, Freshman Favorite, Volleyball 52-53.

WILLA DEAN CHAPMAN

Y-Teens, Band 51, A Cappella Choir, FHA 52, FLC, Student Council 53, Lionette 53-54, Senior Play Cast 54, President of FLC 54.

CHARLSIE CONERLY

Y-Teens 52-54, Worship Chairman, FHA 52-53, Pep Squad 53, A Cappella Choir 52-54, All State Chorus Alternate 53-54, Lionette 53-54, Tennis Club 53-54, Candidate for Homecoming Queen 53, FLC 53, 54, Transfer from Houston, Senior Play Cast 54.

CAROLYN COOLIDGE

Y-Teens 50-52, Pep Squad 50, Science Club, FHA Scrapbook Editor, Commercial Club 52-53, Volleyball-Basketball "B" Co-Captain, Principal's Office 52, 53, 1953 Rice Queen Contestant.

PEGGY JEAN DIERLAM

Y-Teens, Pep Squad 50-54, FLC, A Cappella Choir, Student Council 52-53, Chess Club 52, 53, Treasurer of Junior Class 52, 53, Senior Play 54.

BILLY DOSS

FFA 51-54, Second Vice President of FFA 53-54.

BUDDY DOSS

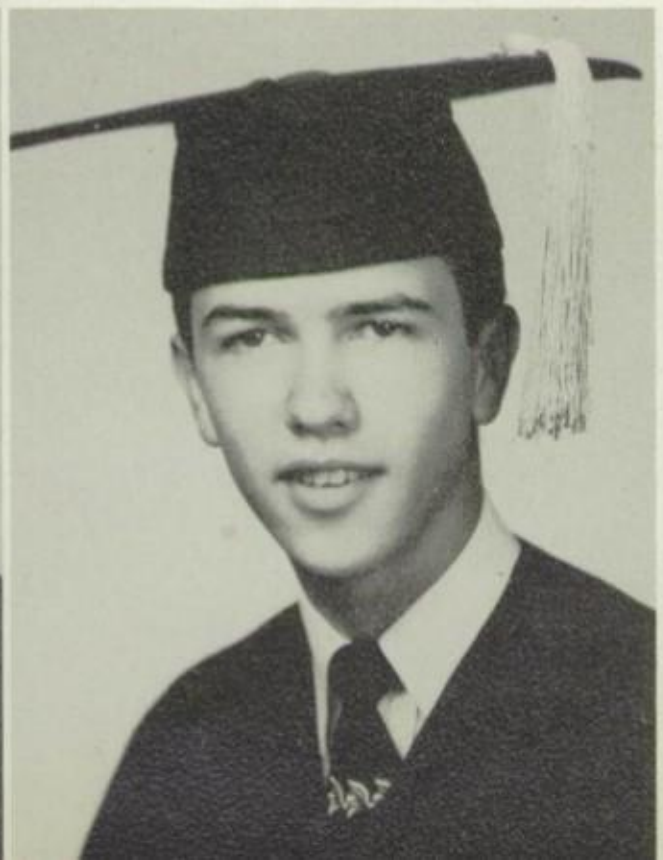
FFA 51-54, Third Vice President of FFA 53-54.

DICKY DYE

Band 51-54, First BCHS Golf Team, Vice President Slide Rule Club 54, Vice President Senior Class 54, Science Club 51.

JACKIE EDMONDSON

Transfer from Victoria, Junior Class Reporter 53, Y-Teens 53-54, Y-Teens Treasurer 54, FLC Reporter 53-54, Annual Staff 54, Office Staff 53, Cat's Tale Society Co-Editor 53-54, Pep Squad 53, Assistant Cheerleader 54, Chess Club 53, Sweetheart Nominee 53.



LOUIS FRANKS

Band 51-54, Vice President 53-54, Track 52-54, Football 52-54, President of Senior Class 54, Student Council 52-54, Slide Rule Club 53-54, All District Football 53-54.

MICHAEL FRICKE

Band 51-54, Tennis 51, Science Club 51, Golf 52-53, Foreign Language Club, 52-54, Football 53, Slide Rule 54, First Division Band Contest 52.

Shirley Garrison

FHA 50-54, Science Club 52-54, Science Club Secretary, Pep Squad 50-54, Business Office Staff 53-54, Basketball 53-54, Volleyball 50-51, Homecoming Queen Candidate 53.

Jimmie Gartrell

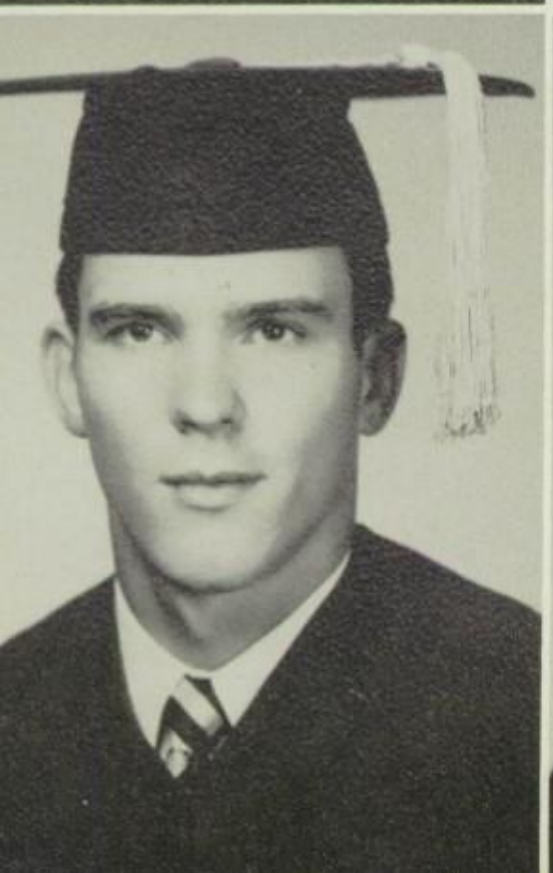
Band 51-54, Orchestra 52-54, Slide Rule Club 53-54, Baseball 53-54, FFA 51-54, Lone Star Farmer Degree 52-53, President of FFA 53-54, District No. 3 Vice President 53-54, Area No. 3 Vice President 53-54, Lion Cub 53-54, Historian of FFA 51-52, Senior Play Cast 54.

Libby Glenn

Y-Teens 50-54, Girl of Month 54, Program Chairman 52, 54, Reporter 53, FHA 52-54, Reporter 53, Treasurer 54; Pep Squad 50-54, Assistant Cheerleader 52, Cheerleader 53-54, Student Council 51, 53, Who's Who 53, Most Dependable Girl, Volleyball 52, 53, 54, Captain 53; Basketball 52, Senior Cast 54, Who's Who 54.

John Paul Greenwalt

FFA 51, CAP 51-54, Band 51-54, Tennis 51-54, Annual Staff 54, Science Club 51-52, Slide Rule 53-54, Basketball 53-54, Baseball 52-53, Speech Club 54, Don Juan Club 53-54, Ensembles 54, Solos 53-54.



Bolton Gregory

Football 51-53, Basketball 51-53, All District Fullback 52, All District End 53.

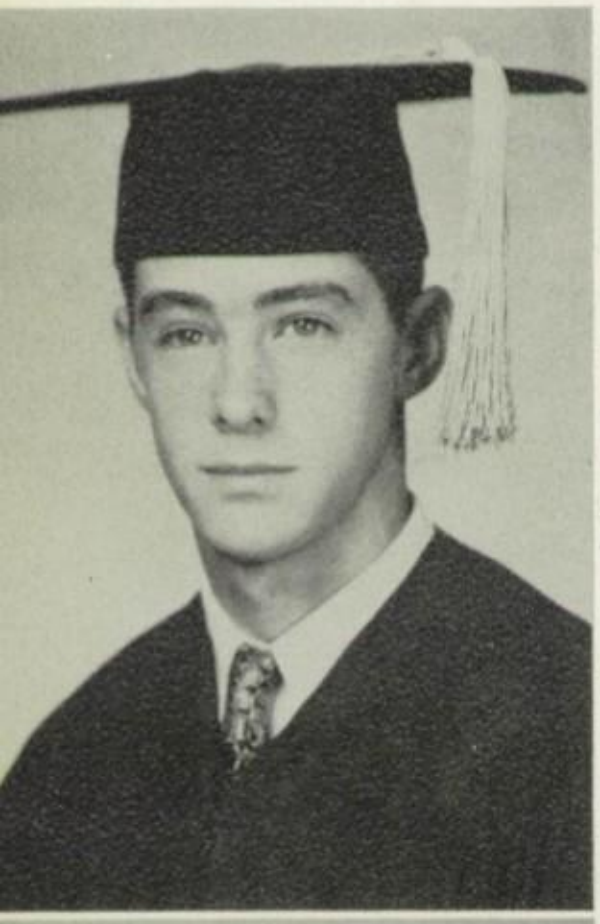
Peggy Jean Gregory

Pep Squad 50-52, FHA 50-52, FLC 50-52, Y-Teens 50-53, A Cappella Choir 50-53, Cat's Tale Reporter 53.

NORMAN GUZICK

Editor Cat's Tale 53-54, Assistant Editor 52-53, Feature Editor 51-52, FLC 51-52, Science Club 51-54, Chess Club 53.

ANGIE HAMILTON

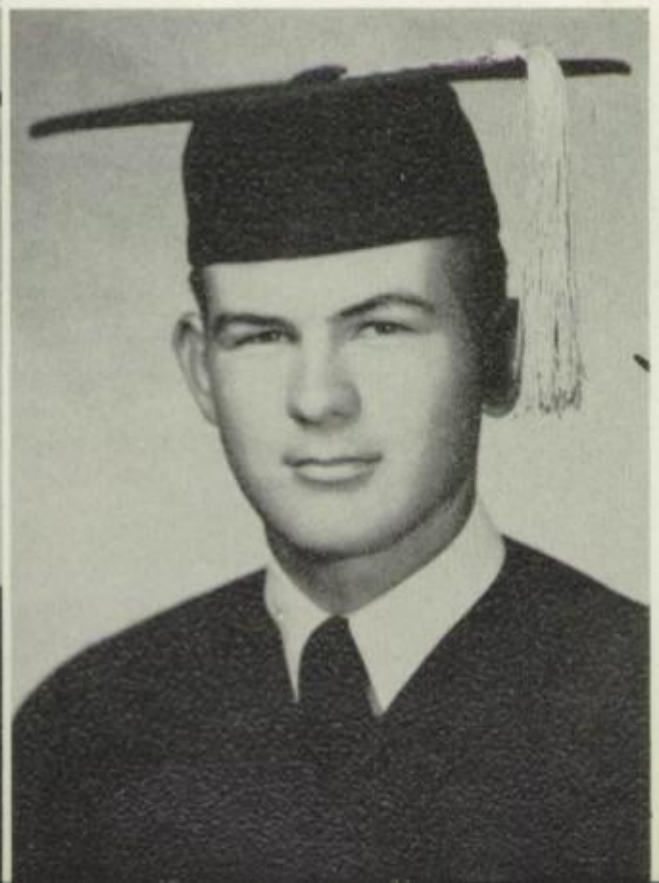


BRYAN HALE

Science Club 50, 52, A Cappella Choir 52-54, Vice President of Choir 53, 54, Football 52, 53, Track 53.

PAUL HATCHETT

Commercial Club 51, Science Club 51-54, Football 51, Football Manager 52, 53, A Cappella Choir 54, Student Council 53, Slide Rule Club 53, 54, President Slide Rule Club 54.



GEVONNA HICKEY

Freshman: Y-Teens, Band; Sophomore: Science Club, Band; Junior: Y-Teens, Office Staff, Library Staff, Band; Senior: Y-Teens, Band Library Staff.

BILLY HOLMANS

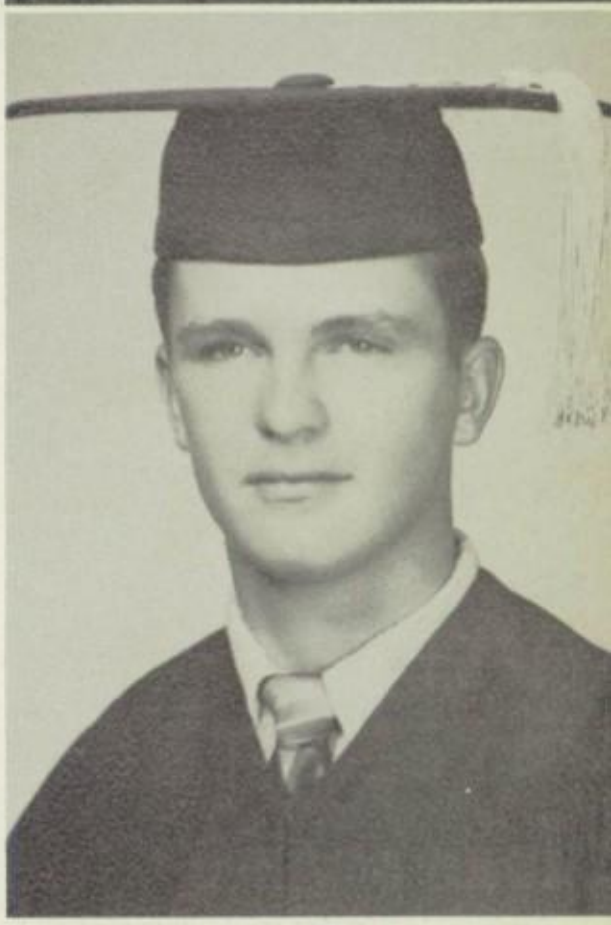
Science Club 49, Band, A Cappella Choir 50, School Service, Robert L. Stevenson School, Honolulu, ROTC Band, Roosevelt High School, Honolulu 51, Science Club, Black Cat Band 52-54.

E. M. Huitt

Student Council 51-54, Science Club 51-52, Foreign Language Club 51-54, Tennis 51-54, Commercial Club 51, Choir 51-52, Lone Star Boys' State 53, President Student Council 54, Track 54, Most Dependable Boy 54, Annual Staff 54, Cat's Tale Staff 52, Who's Who 53, 54, Senior Planning Committee 54, Lion Cub 54.

Larry Hunt

Chess Club 52-53, Slide Rule Club 52-53, Band 52-54, A Cappella 53-54, Band Manager 53-54, Orchestra 52-53.



Shirley Jones

Home Economics Club 51-53, Pep Squad 51, A Cappella Choir 51, Commercial Club 52-53, Business Office Staff Secretary 52-53.

George Kain

Football 50-53, Track 51, Science Club 52, Slide Rule Club 52, Chess Club 52.

Gerald Kennedy

Band 50-54, Band Council 51-54, Science Club 50-54, IOOF Representative to the United Nations 52, President of Junior Class 52-53, Senior Planning Committee 53-54.

Janiece King

Senior Favorite 54, FLC 51-54, Y-Teens, Devotional 51-52, Secretary 52, Sergeant-at-Arms 54, A Cappella Choir 52-54, Annual Staff 52-54, Pep Squad 51-54, Candidate for Relay and Track Queen 51, Candidate for Sweetheart 51, Candidate for Rice Festival 51, Cheerleader 52-53, Assistant Cheerleader 51.

Kline Knight

Band 50-54, Twirler 51-54, Foreign Language Club 50-52, A Cappella Choir 50-53, Science Club 50-52, Band Council 52-54.

Johnny Kubena

Science Club 50-52, Comm. Office Staff 50-51, FFA 51-54, Football 52-53, Track 52-53, Slide Rule Club 53-54.

Betty Lane

Y-Teens 50-51, Principal's Staff 52-54, Pep Squad 50-54, Commercial Club 50-51, Commercial Staff 51-52, Volleyball Team 51-52, Student Council 52-54, Student Council Reporter 53-54.

Bobbie Jean Long

Band 51-54, FLC 52-54, Y-Teens 51-54, Y-Teen Cabinet 52-54, Rice Festival Candidate 53, Band Reporter 54, Annual Staff 52-54, Business Manager 54, Business Manager of Senior Class 54, Secretary-Treasurer of Fish Class 54, Cat's Tale 52, FLC Sweetheart Nominee, Band Council 53-54.

Claire Lyle

Miss BCHS, Junior and Sophomore Class Favorite, Y-Teens 50-54, Vice President, Scrapbook Chairman, Rep.; Black Cat Editor 54, Assistant Editor 53, Cat's Tale Reporter 52; Student Council 52, Who's Who 52, 53, 54, One of Ten Most Beautiful Girls 53, Runner-up Most Dependable Girl 53-54, Head Cheerleader 53, 54, Assistant Cheerleader 52, Pep Squad 50, Football Sweetheart 54, FFA Sweetheart 53, HE 52, FLC 50-54, Secretary 52, Rice Festival Contestant 54, Homecoming Candidate 53, Senior Play Cast 54.

Dickie McCullough

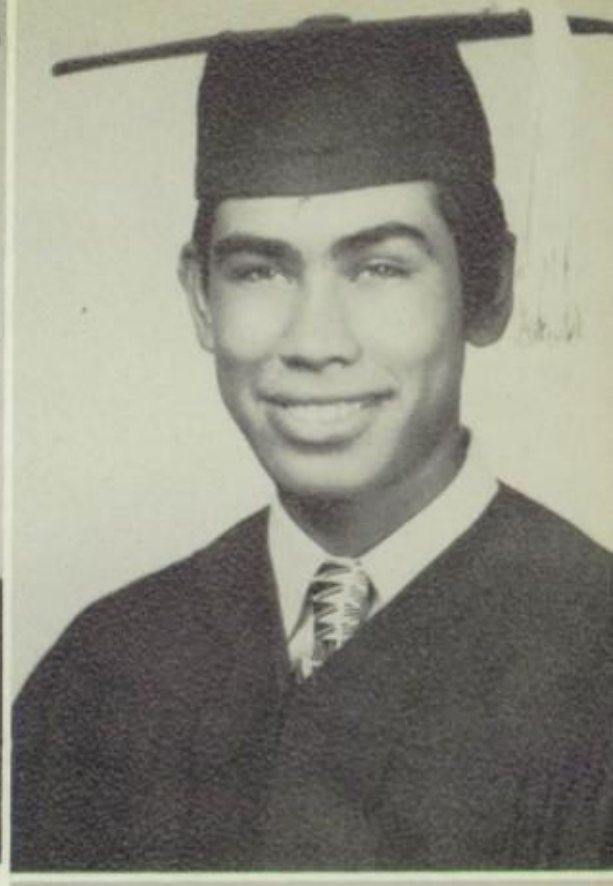
FFA 51-54, Greenhand Third Vice President, FFA, Basketball 51-54, Track 54.

HOMER LEE MARROW

Band 50-54, FFA 51-54, Track 54, 4-H Club 50-54.

TIM MARTINEZ

Foreign Language Club 53-54, Baseball 53-54, Football 52-53, Track 50-51.



FELIPA MENDEZ

JO ANN MIELSCH

Future Homemakers 50-54, Vice President 52-53, Area and Chapter Degree of Achievement 52-53, President 53, Commercial Club 51-52, Science Club 50-51, Pep Squad 50-53, Volleyball 52-54, Basketball 52-53.

CHARLES MOSLEY

Science Club 50, Band 50-54, Dixieland 51-53, Orchestra 50-54, Cat's Tale Business Manager 54, A Cappella Choir 52-54, Principal's Office Staff 51-54, Senior Play Cast 54.

MARILYN NEUMANN

Transfer from Woodville: Band 50-53, Slide Rule 52-53, Annual Staff 53, Secretary Slide Rule 53, A Cappella Choir 53-54, Rice Festival Queen Contestant 53, Y-Teens 53-54, FHA 50-51.

BOB PERRY

Tennis 50, Slide Rule Club 50, 54, Science Club 51-54.

KATHRIEN SUE PORTER

Science Club 51, 52, FLC 51, 52, Blue Triangle 51, 52, Y-Teens 53, 54, Song Director A Cappella Choir and Council 51-54, Treasurer, Ten Most Beautiful Girls 53, Pep Squad 51, 52, Assistant Cheerleader 53, Head Assistant Cheerleader 54, Rice Festival Contestant 54, Annual Staff 54.

NANCY POWELL

Freshman: FHA, Y-Teens, Pep Squad, Sophomore: Aeolian Choir; Junior: FLC, Tennis Club, Chess Club, "Bags."

SAMMIE RAY

ROYCE RHODES

JIMMIE RISING

Band 53, 54, Lubbock Senior High: Latin Club, Band Boys' Club 52, 53, Musicians' Guild 51, 53, Band 51, 53; Senior Play Cast 54.

GUS RICHERS

Science Club 50-51, Track 50-54, Football 51-53, FFA 51-53, Cat's Tale 53-54.

DELMITA RODRIGUEZ

EMILY ROMINE

Y-Teens 51, FHA 51-54, Pep Squad 51-54, A Cappella Choir 52-53, Chess Club 53, Songleader for FHA 53-54, Principal's Office Staff 53, Senior Play Cast 54.

SAM SANCHEZ

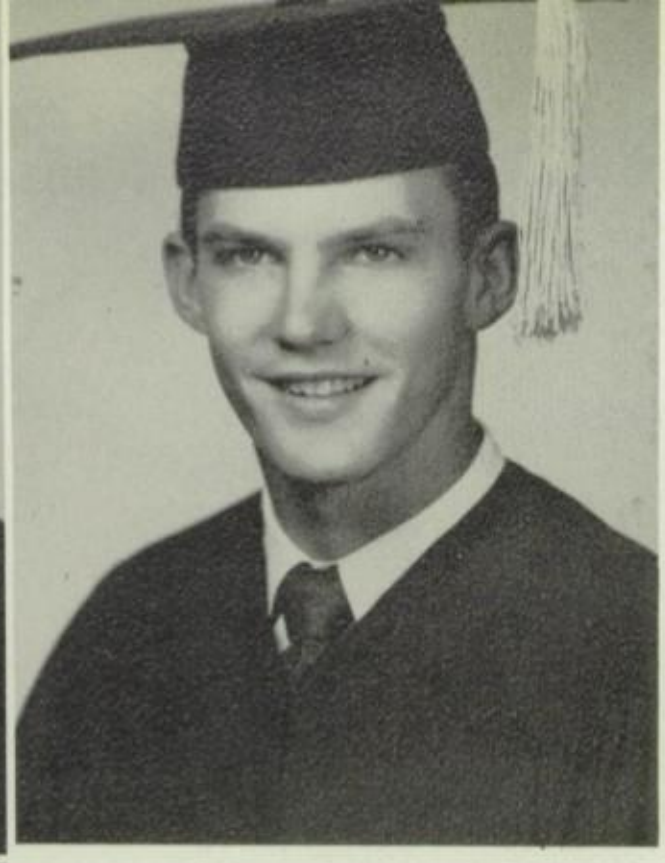
FLC, Band, School Orchestra

IRENE SANSING

Science Club 51-54, FHA 51-54, Pep Squad 51, 53, 54, Annual Staff 54, Cat's Tale Staff 54, Business Office Staff 54, Volleyball 53, Student Council 51, Homecoming Queen Candidate 52, 54.

CHARLES SLATER

Football 51, 52, 53, Baseball 51, 52, 53, Track 51, 52, 53, Regional, State 52, 53, Science Club 54, A Cappella Choir 52, 54, Commercial Office Staff 53, Manager Little League Baseball 51, Coach Junior Olympics Swimming Team 52, Slide Rule 53.



MYRNA SMITH

Y-Teens 50, 52, 54, Pep Squad 50, 52, 54, FLC 50, 52, Science Club 50, FHA 53, 54, A Cappella Choir 50, 52, 53, 54, Volleyball 52, 53, 54, Rice Festival Queen Contestant 54, Senior Play Cast 54.

WAYNE SMITH

JACK STEGALL

GENE STEINMEYER

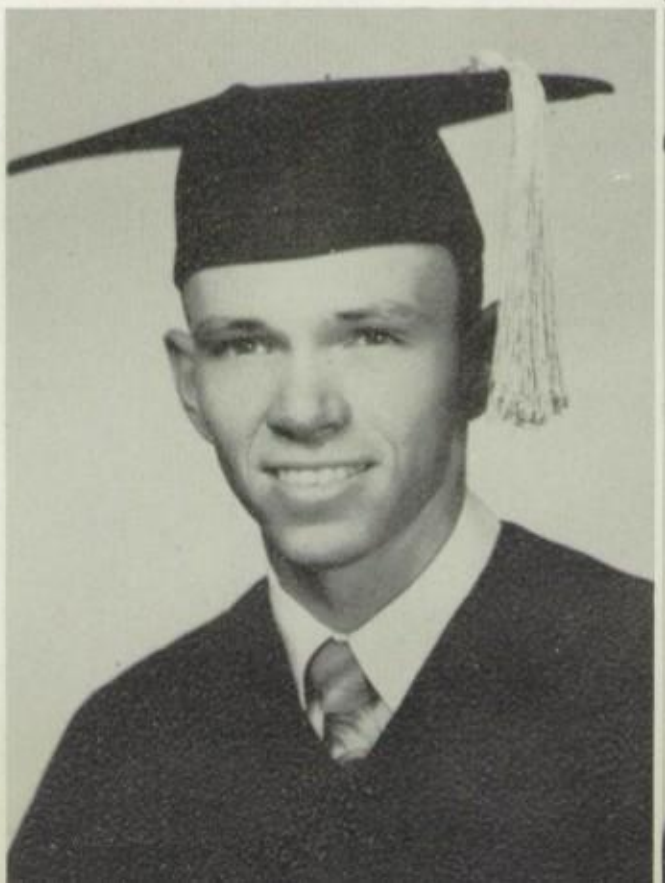
Football 51-54, Track 53-54, Baseball 53, Freshman Favorite, Junior Favorite, FFA 52, Mr. BCHS Runner-up, Most Dependable Boy Runner-up, All-District Football Team 53, 54, Journalism.

JAMES STEVENS

Football 50-52, Track 51-54, FFA 50-53, Science Club 52, Chess Club 53.

TAYLOR STEVES

Student Council 51, 54, FFA 51, 53, Treasurer 52, President 53, FLC 52, 54, Football Manager 54, Basketball 53, 54, Baseball 52, 54, Who's Who 52, Boys' State 53, Vice President Junior Class 53.



J. B. Waltermire

Football 50, 54, All District 53, 54, A Cappella Choir 52, 53, Foreign Language Club 50, 52, Science Club 51, 52, Senior Play Cast 54.

Quentin Watkins

Football 52-53-54, All-District 54, Science Club 51, Track 51-52-53-54, Basketball Manager 54, Choir 51-52-53-54, Boys' Quartet 54, Choir President 54, FHA Sweetheart 54.

Travis Watson

Football 51, 52, 53, Band 51, 52, 53, Science Club 51, 52, 53, Student Council 52, 53.

Randol Webb

Band 50, 54, Orchestra 50, 54, Dixielanders 51, 53, Science Club 52, Band President 54, Band Council 53, 54.

Mary Westmoreland

Transfer from Lamar High, Houston, Texas; Band, Y-Teens, Annual Staff, Cat's Tale News Editor, FFA Sweetheart 53, 54, Homecoming Queen Candidate 53; Houston: Freshman Style Show 51, Semi-Finals Miss Lamar 52, Cast of Lamar Spring Show 53, Runner-up Band Sweetheart 53, Senior Play Cast 54.

Paul Whaley

Track 52-54, Football 52-54, Basketball 51-54, Slide Rule Club 54.

BEN WHITE

FFA 51, 52, 53, Slide Rule 53, 54, FLC, Library Artist, CAP 51-54, Science Club 51-52.

HELEN WILKINSON

Y-Teens 50-54, Foreign Language 50-54, Pep Squad 50-54, A Cappella Choir 51-54, Sophomore Class Secretary 51, Chess Club 52-53.

JIMMIE WILLIAMS

Football 51-54, Track 52-54, Baseball 51-54, Basketball 51-54.

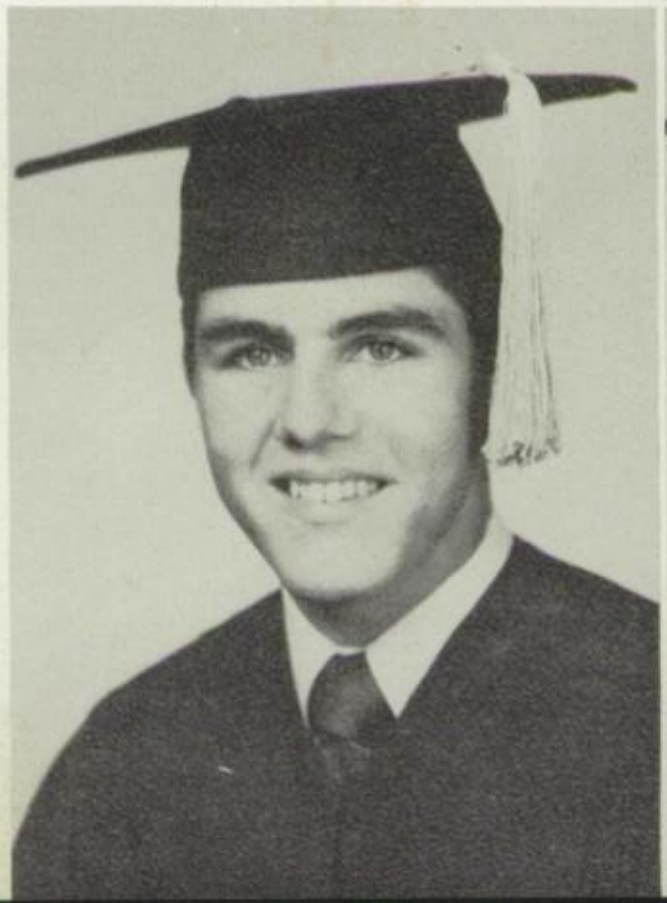
LEO WINTERS

Tidehaven 51-52, Business Office Staff 54, 4-H Club 51-52, A Cappella Choir 53-54, Band 51-52, Annual Staff 53-54, Tennis 51-52, Science Club 53-54, Track 52, Slide Rule Club 53, Basketball 51-52, Track 54.

G. A. WORKMAN

Science Club 50-51, Slide Rule Club 52-53, Annual Staff 53-54.

JOE JOHN YBARRA

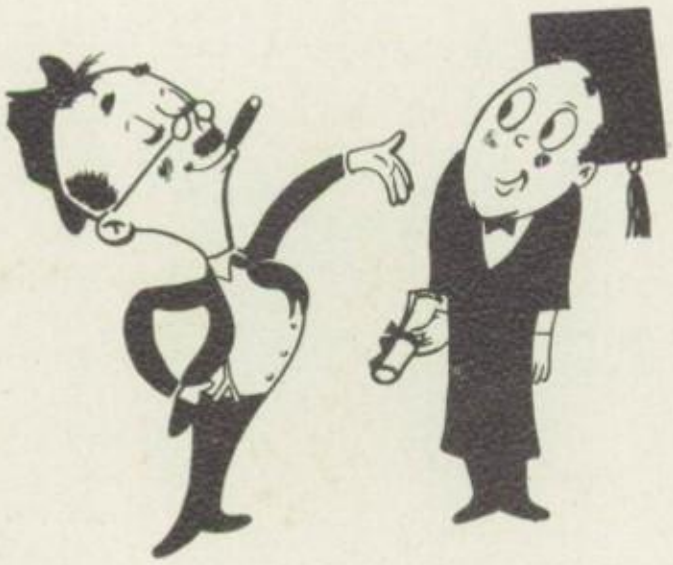


JEANNINE YEAMANS

FHA 50-54, FLC 52-54, Y-Teens 51, 52, Arts and Crafts 52, 53, Pep Squad 50, 52, Science Club 52, 54, Office Staff 53, 54.

ASA YEAMANS

Senior Play Cast 54.

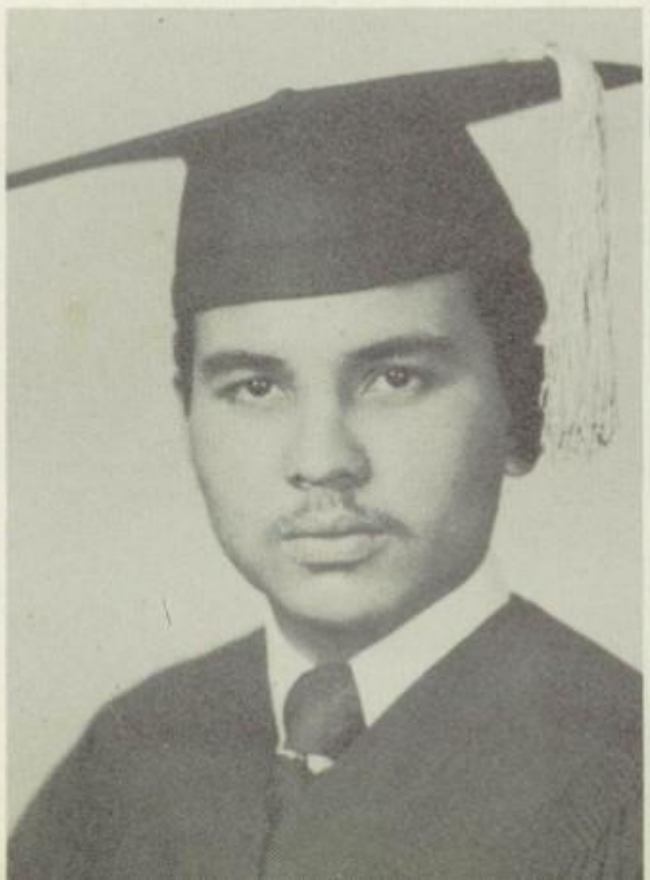


JAMES ZEPEDA

Baseball 52-54, Chess Club 53, Foreign Language Club 51-54.

JAMES BISSETT

Football 51, 53, Student Council 52, 54, Candidate for Most Handsome 53, Band 51-54, Science Club 52-53, Sophomore Reporter 53, Baseball 53, 54, Vice President of Student Council 53, 54, Slide Rule Club 53.



Senior Will

I, Dickie McCullough, will to Corky Green and David Smith, the ability to get along with Mr. Sowell. You boys will need it.

I, Bo Bluebolt Henry Gregory, will to Clarence Genzer, my ability to get married and to Jackie Williams, my football welts and bruises.

I, Mary Westmoreland, hereby will to Carole Dye, my height (5'½") and hope she finds a boy friend under six feet tall.

I, Ann Burr, will the right to "buckle the flesh" to all the Baddy-Goods next year.

I, Leo "Tex" Winters, being of "Sound mind," hereby will my ability to miss 42 days of school and make A's to Billy Ray Morrow.

I, Libby Glenn, do will my ability to roam up and down the halls without getting caught to Shirley Darby.

I, E. M. Huitt, do will my pull with the teachers and Mr. Myers to anyone who is a big enough fool to work for it.

I, Helen Wilkinson, will the "Twitch" and the "Rigger" to Billy Cashion, Judy Cox, and Norma Bissett.

I, Randol Webb, will the ability to hit high "C" on the trumpet to any trumpet player who wants to knock his teeth out and bust his lips.

I, Donald Bell, will my ability to roam the halls during my commercial office period to anyone who is stupid enough to try it.

We, Mike Fricke and Jimmy Gartrell, the Don Juans of Bay City High School will to anyone who has the nerve to handle them—all the women of our school.

I, Kline Knight, being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath the ability to throw high throws, (including sommersault) to Mary Robertson.

I, Barbara Claire Lyle, do hereby will my nickname "Legs" to Glenda Starnes. May she live up to it better than I.

I, Bob Perry, being of sound mind, will my seat in Senior English Class to anyone smart enough to get that far.

I, Mary Jane Boring, will to Lindsay Langham, all of Bay City High School to do as he pleases with it.

I, Jeannine Yeamans, leave my job in the office and my brother to Kay Justice.

I, Lane Bickham, will all my frequent trips to the car during "weed," without getting caught over 500 times to Kovar, Pavlik, and Gasaway.

I, G. A. Workman, will my ability to sign my report cards to anyone brave enough to get married.

I, Bryan Hale, will my ability to cut up in choir more than anyone else and still get by with it to Gasaway and Kovar.

I, Tim Martinez, being of sound mind, will to Raymond Rameriz, the technique of lighting firecrackers in the building and getting away with it.

We, Travis Watson and James Bissett, do will our adventures in Austin to all future Seniors going to Texas University.

I, Jimmy Rising, being of sound mind and body, do hereby will my very obvious line to any boy who wants to park with a gullible girl on the first date.

I, Charles Mosley, will my part in the Senior play to anyone with the mind to memorize five lines.

I, Lewis Anderson, will my desk in Speech to anyone who can discuss everything from dating dutch to changing a flat tire.

I, Charles Carroll, being of sound mind, will my 3-D glasses to anyone taking Solid Geometry.

I, Larry Hunt, being of unsound mind, do hereby will my ability to load the Coke Machine in the Band Hall to anyone unfortunate enough to be Band Manager. I also will my "golden" tenor voice to Lester Callaway who really needs it more than I.

I, Joe John Ybarra, being cured of sanity by Mr. Myers, will my ability to play hookey on every Friday we have a test in Biology to Daniel Charles.

I, Bill Holmans, having studied thoroughly the students of B.C.H.S., do find that I have nothing that any of them would want, so I will that anything that I have which I might have overlooked to anyone who should happen to want it, and has the initiative to discover it.

I, Podie Slater, being of sound mind, will my ability not to go to Mr. Spielman's Texas History Class and still make A's to the next Texas History Class.

I, Marilyn Newmann, will my knack for being the only girl in Physics Class, to any girl smart enough to accomplish the same.

I, Gevonna Hickey, will my place at the desk in the library to anyone who likes to help others look up books.

I, James Zepeda, will my abilities to do my homework and Felipa's to someone who is brainier than I.

I, Bryan Brown, being of sound back and weak mind, do will to David Smith and Lee Edward Baca, my ability to get along with Mr. Spielman because they will need it.

I, Felipa's Mendez, will to Nat Charles the ability to sweat through American History every Friday.

Pictured in the Sweet Shop, the JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS from left to right are: Bobbie Amos, Treasurer; John Reinke, President; Peggy Fanson, Reporter; Bryan Simons, Vice President; Celia Villanueva, Secretary. Class sponsors not pictured are: Mr. Spielman, Mr. Callihan, Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Coyle.

Junior Class Officers

Bobbie Amos
Billy Anderson
Crispin Arsola

Charles Baker
Janet Baker
Janis Baker

Juniors

Jimmy Barr
James Bissett
Linda Broughton

Bill Burns
Grace Cain
Charlene Carr

Joe Bert Carr
Howard Cartwright
Billy Cashion

Dorothy Cerny
Harry Conerly
Shirley Darby

Juniors

Georgiann Dornak
Mary Douget
Neil Edwards

Thomas Elkins
Gary Ezell
Ollie Falks

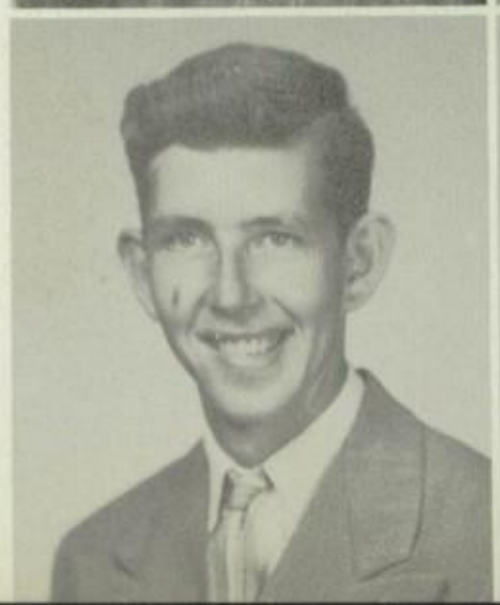
Peggy Fanson
Ruthie Fikes
Barbara Fisher

Steve Gasaway
Clarence Genzer
Humberto Gonzalez

Juniors

Lawrence Green
Shirley Hall
Tim Hardy

Ray Hawes
Joan Henderson
Audrey Horn



Patsy Hubbard
Margaret Janise
Jeanie Jeanes

Glenda Jordan
Wayne Kennedy
Jerry Kirby

Juniors

Jimmy Kovar
Rose Marie Kreschke
Jeanette Kristynik

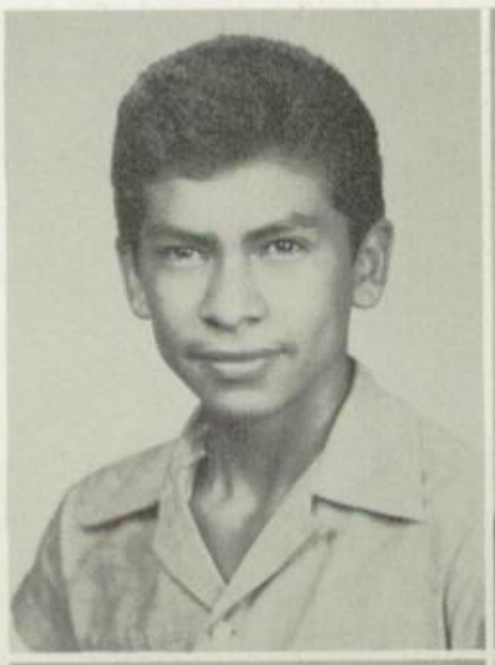
Bryan Laird
Jeff Lane
Lindsay Langham

Macella Lowe
Ronnie Luna
Donna McCrosky

Helen McIntosh
Jean Maden
Frances Matthews

Juniors

Fred Mendiola
Judy Myall
Mary Navarro

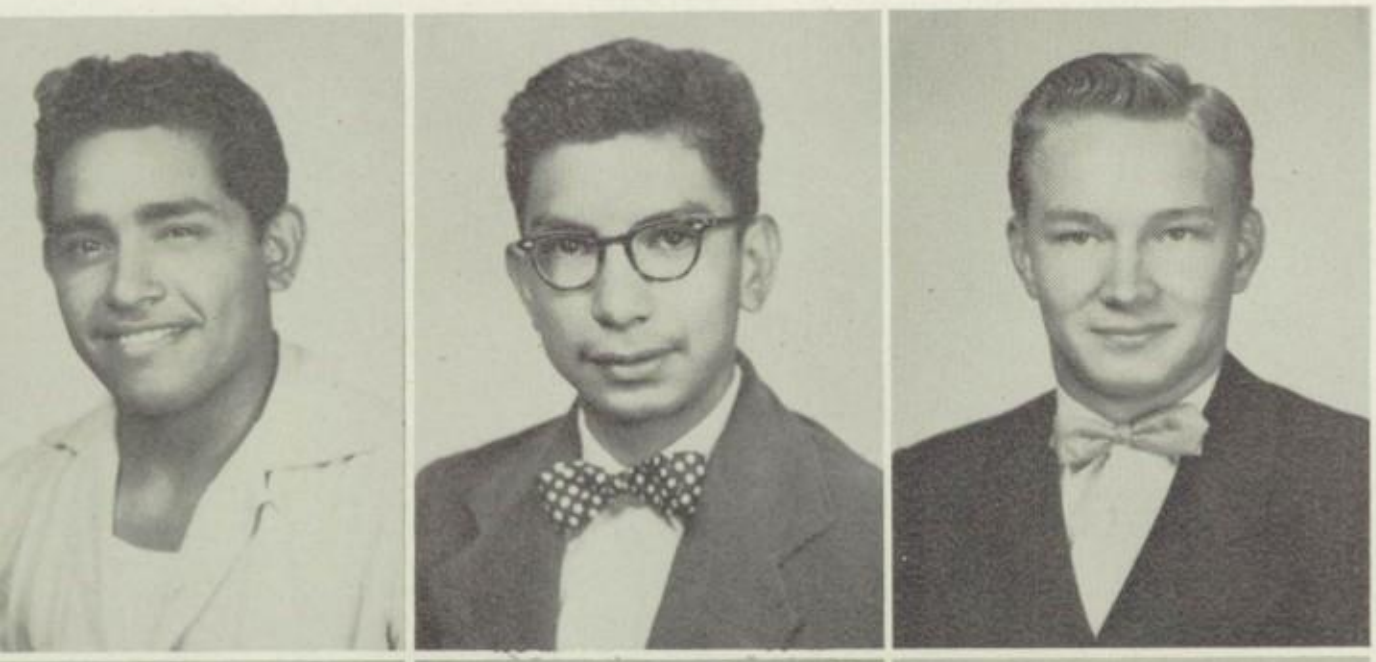


Nannie Bell New
Edward Ottis
G. P. Ottis

Patsy Palmer
Ruth Patterson
Tony Pavlik

Jackie Petrucha
Martha Mae Quinney
June Ragus

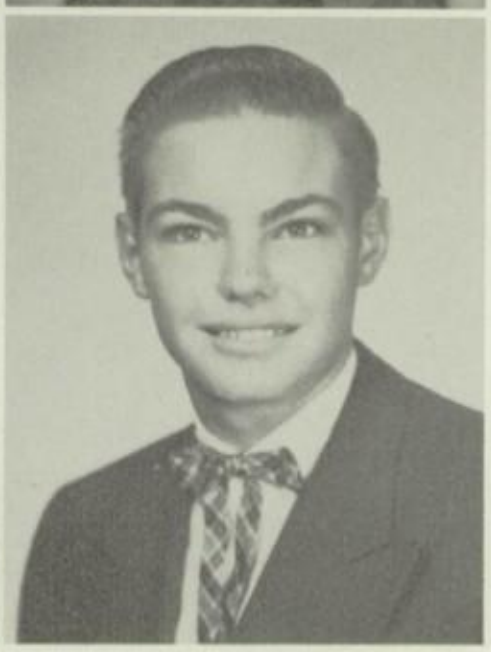
Juniors



Raymond Ramirez
Richard Ramirez
John Reinke

Mary Roberson
Linda Nell Rogers
Joe Wayne Rutherford

Randolph Ryman
Kenneth Schutz
Helen Sellers



Charles Shoultz
C. A. Shuttlesworth
Bryan Simons

Juniors

Betty Smith
Pat Smith
Shirley Smith

Jimmy Sonnier
W. L. Spencer
Minnie Spitdowski

Ruth Spitdowski
Anita Spoonemore
Glenda Gail Starnes

Pauline Talafuse
Anne Thornton
Celia Villanueba

Juniors

Marcia Voyles
Garland Watson
Jane Werlla

Jimmy Westmoreland
Janie Wilde
Freddie Williams

Paul Zepeda

Lindsay, Barbara, and E. M. having fun at the Junior Christmas Formal.

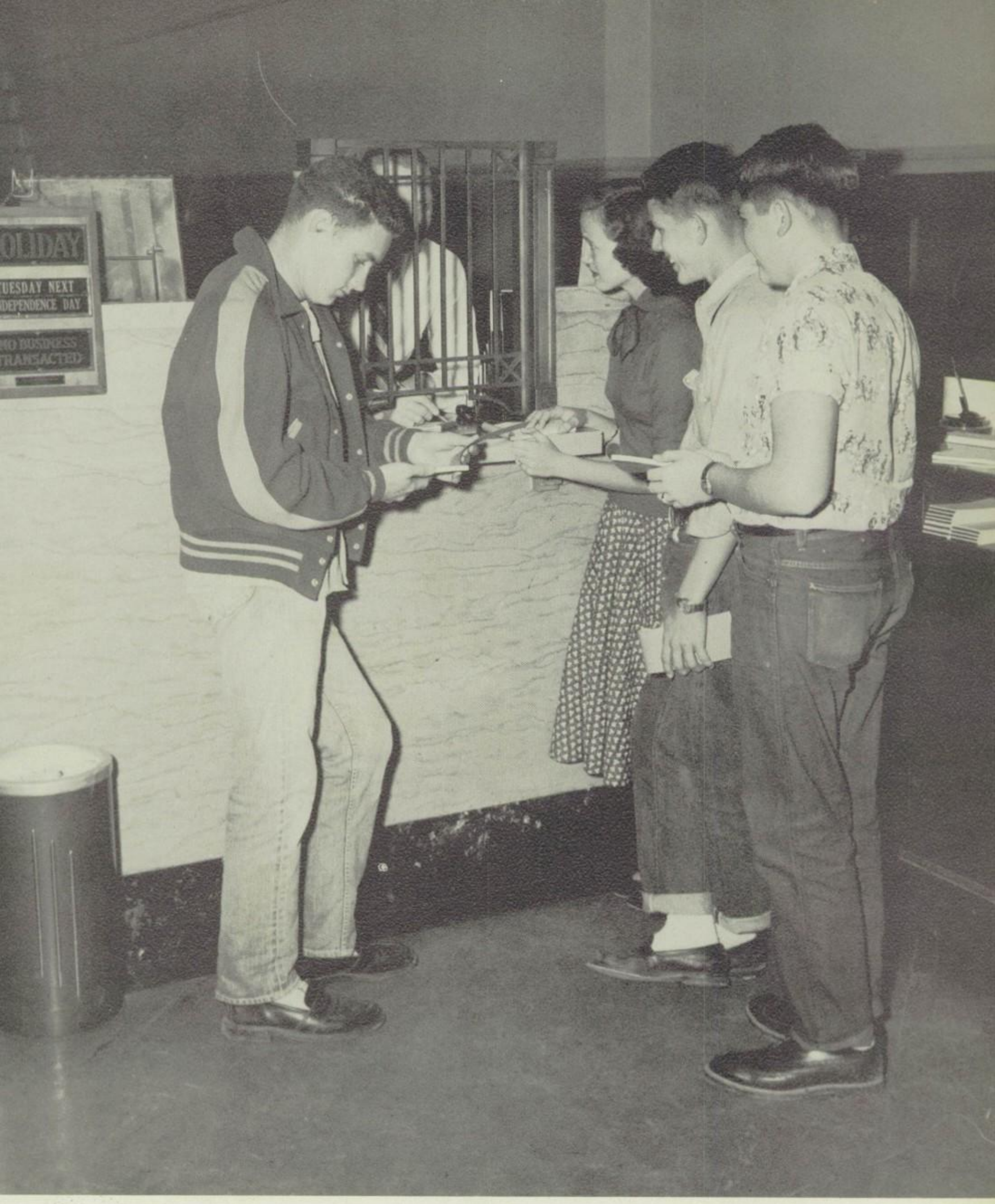
"Seniors" Weegie and Charles enjoyed the Juniors' Dance.

Juniors

tied for first
place in the
"FRIENDLIEST CLASS"
contest sponsored
by Mrs. Ingram's
Spanish II.

THE President of our Junior Class.

Jimmy, a new addition to the Junior Class.



A teller at the Bay City Bank and Trust is explaining the ways to deposit money to the SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS, who are from left to right: Jackie Williams, Vice President; Barbara Slone, Secretary; Billy Mack Huitt, President; Bobby Cantrell, Treasurer. Class sponsors not pictured are: Mr. Graeter, Mr. King, and Mr. Smith.

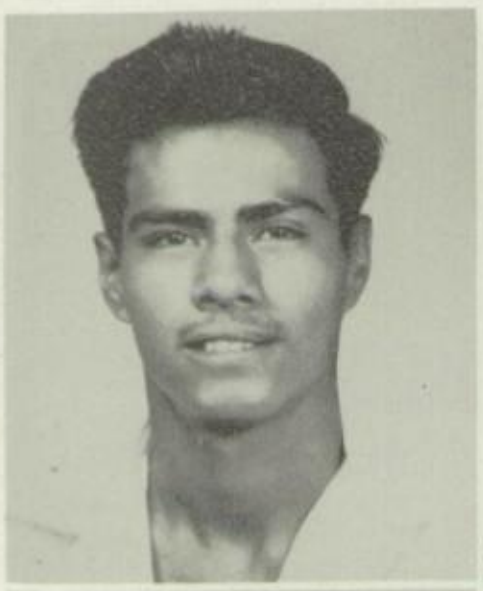
Sophomore Class Officers

Sophomores

Anthony Acosta
Billie Jean Allen
Patsy Armstrong

Edith Autry
Lee Edward Baca
James Barbour

Tommy Benavides
Lois Bickham
Norma Lynn Bissett

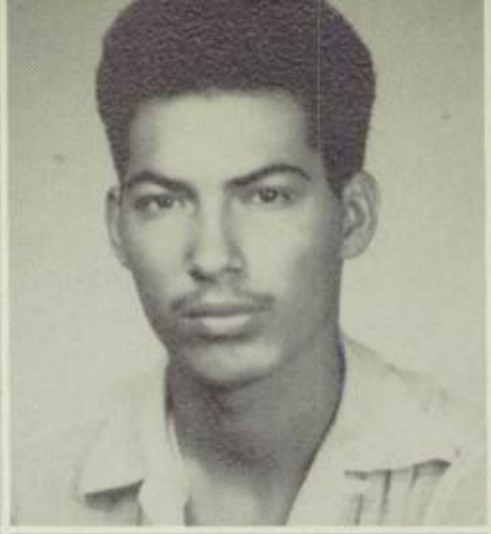
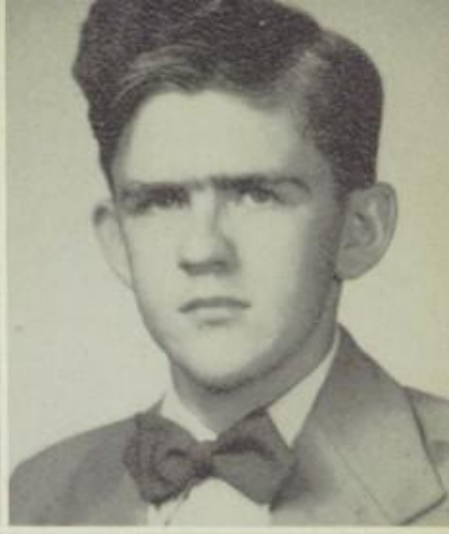


Dorothy Blackman
Betty Brown
James Bryant

Carolyn Calloway
Lester Calloway
Bobby Cantrell

Sophomores

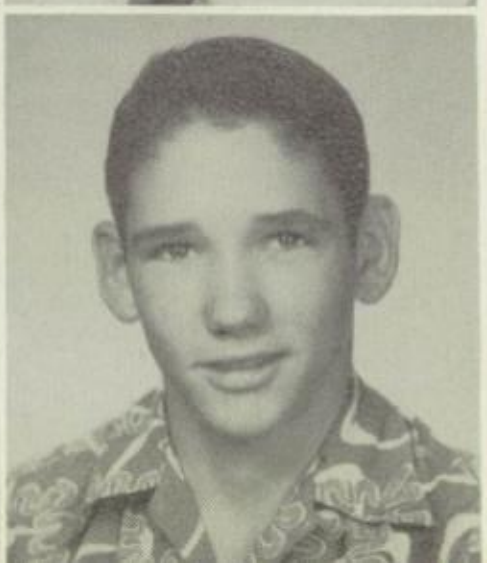
Gloria Cerny
Daniel Charles
Billy Cheatham

Carol Sue Cochran
Betsy Coleman
Warren Conerly

Jo Ann Coolidge
Dorothy Cox
Judy Cox

Raymond Cox
Joseph Culver
Dorothy Dodd



Jimmie Dykes
Margaret Elkins
Lawrence Evans

Sophomores

Rita Fayle
Dorothy Ferguson
Tommy Fields

Ofelia Figueroa
Richard Fischer
Robert Fischer

John Foote
Bonnie Sue Fox
Dora Garcia

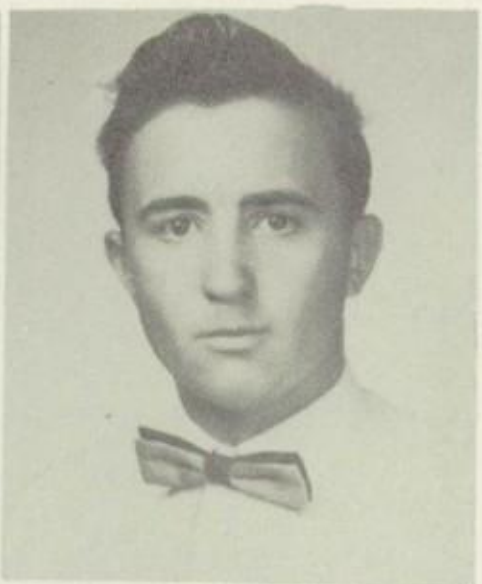
Sammy Garrison
John Gomez
Bernard Graham

Faydell Hallemann
June Hammond
Alton Hansen

Sophomores

Cynthia Hatchett
Lee Roy Hearn
Eugene Henderson

Ann Holmans
Alton Hoots
Billy Mack Huitt



James Kinard
Joyce King
David Kirkland

Ann La Coss
Marvin Laqua
Shirley Lenderman

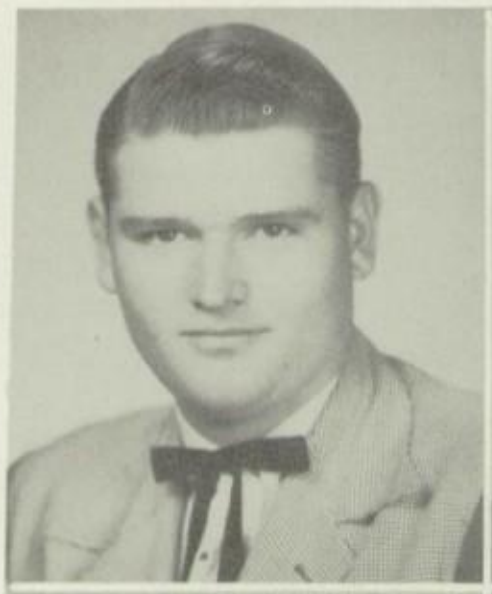
Brooks Liston
Lillie Longoria
Robert Losoya

Sophomores

Gerald Ludwig
Bobby McCullough
Bryan McDonald

Elton Ray Maden
Billy Mann
George Manna

Clarence Marcaurele
Laura Marcaurele
Billy Marrow



Jeanette Medlin
Norma Lynn Meinke
Mary Ann Miska

Ruby Moore
Barbara Jean Morehead
Della Munson

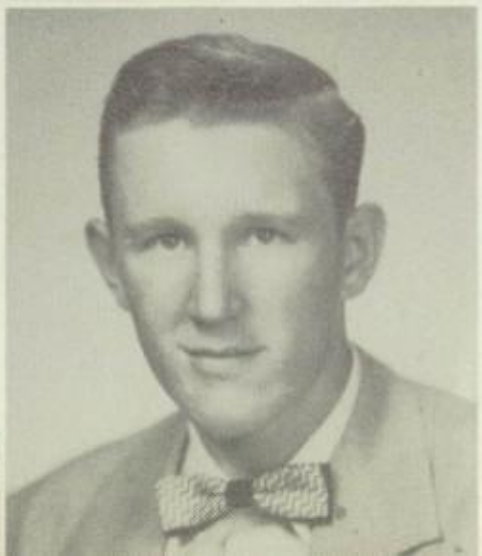
Sophomores

Michael Ottis
Charles Pollard
Steve Ray

Cloreta Reeves
Charles Richers
Billy Riggs

Martin L. Robertson
Paula Gay Rogers
Ira Rose

John Rother
Julia Salter
Francis Savage



Irving Savage
Peggy Schulz
James Lee Shaw

Sophomores

Roy Shoultz
Alice Joyce Simpson
Kay Slater

Barbara Slone
J. H. Slone
David Smith

Joyce Smith
Henry Spillar
Bobby Spoonemore

Philip Stewart
Joyce Stoever
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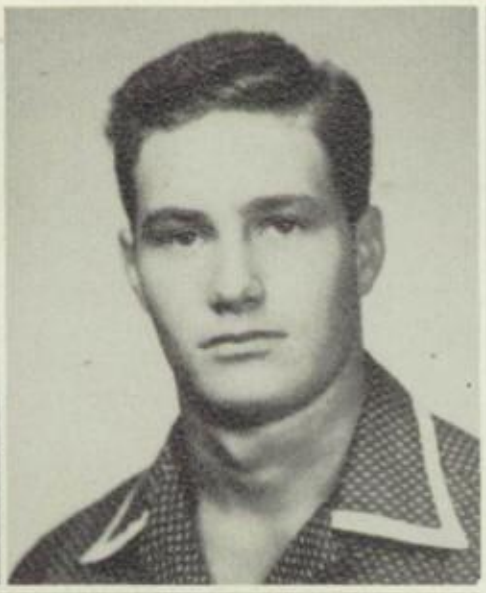

Charles Williams
Jackie Williams
Julian Williams

Mike Williamson
Connie Ybarra

Some folks work, some folks play. If you read from L to R you will see Mr. Miller (our custodian) and his son leave the building after days work. The next picture needs no identification: the Lunn girls, Fredd Freshmen or Sophmores, faithful Bill, river holiday, Kitty, FFA busy bodies it must be the Sun, could it be a Huitt? Who's missing Mr. Savage? Three smiles for the camera.

The FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS are leisurely sipping cokes in Walgreen's Drug Store. From left to right they are: Ben Muniz, Vice President; Kay Justice, Reporter; Jerry Genzer, President. Class sponsors not pictured are: Mrs. Early, Mrs. Howze, Mr. Maglitto and Mrs. Gregory.

Freshman Class Officers

Freshmen

Gilbert Acosta
Harper Augsburger
Ofelia Arias

Dona Barbour
Doris Bates
Doris Ann Barr

Arlin Lee Barron
Marilyn Barlow
Donald Baxter

Patsy Benedict
Sonny Benedict
Robert Bentley

Joseph Berchey
Kathleen Birkner
Barbara Blum

Freshmen

Virginia Boring
LeRoy Bunton
Lille Bell Bunton

Gordon Burts
Sharon Butler
Elizabeth Calloway

Exie Calloway
Tommy Cashion
Alvin Cerny

Nat Charles
Truett Chessher
June Churchwell

Kathryn Daehne
Helen Darby
Linda Darby

Dorothy Dodd
Edwin Dornak
Jimmy Doss

Lon Draper
Carol Dye
Betty Eikenberg

John Estlinbaun
Guynn Etie
Donald Falk

Freshmen

George Fanson
Archie Findley
De Anna Fisher

Francis Friday
Estella Garcia
Inez Gasch

Freshmen

Jerry Genzer
Emilio Gonzales
Ann Gordon

Carolyn Hammock
Robert Hammock
Mary Harrison

Ronny Harvey
Wendell Harvey
Johnnie Head

Frances Hearn
Lannie Henderson
Robert Henderson

Jeanette Holloway
Joan Holloway
Dorothy Hoots

Betty Jean Hudnall
Larry Huitt
Larry Hunt

Anita Faye Jurek
Kay Justice
Carolyn Sue Keen

Wanda Kennedy
James Kinard
Jimmy Knost

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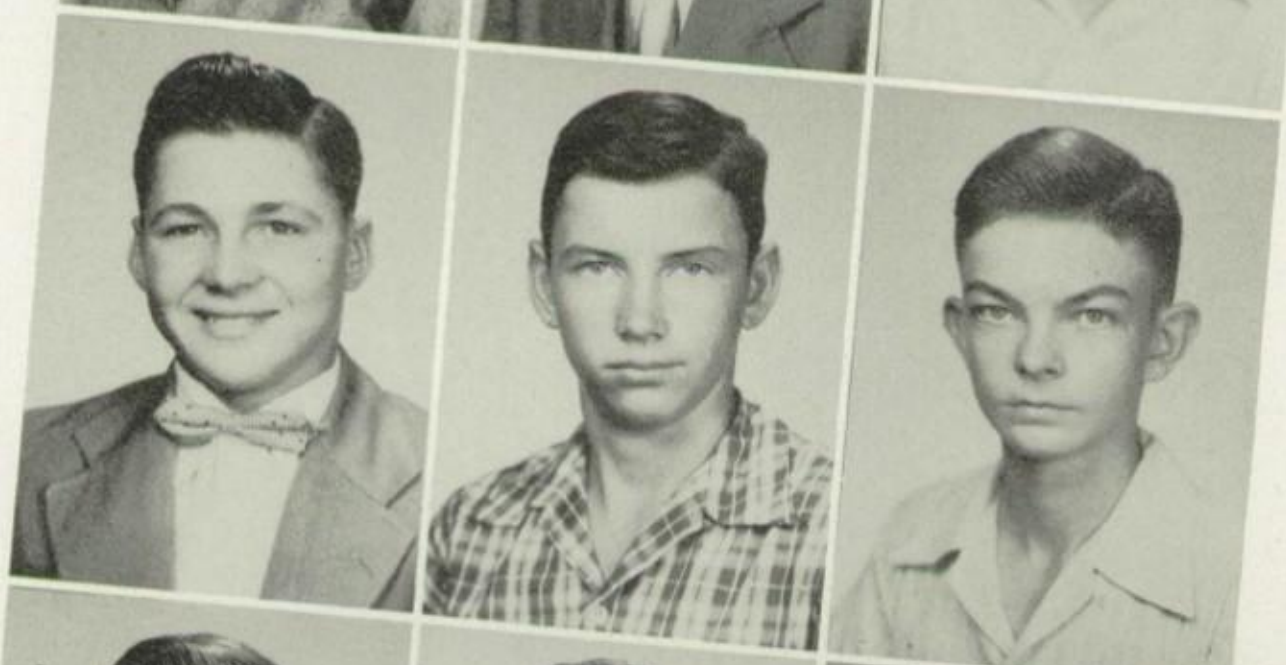


David Kristynik
Franklin Krobot
Johnny Langston

William Leonard
Gary Lenderman
Kitty Lewis

Freshmen

Charlotte Lukefer
Gayle Luna
Suzanne Lunn

Jasper McClendon
John Voss McCrosky
Mary Ann McDonald

Martha McIntosh
Johnny Mohon
Irene Montoya

Estella Morales
Joyce Morales
Ben Muniz

Elizabeth New
Robbie Newman
Howard Oaks

Barbara Olson
Josephine Orsak
Martha Paggi

Robert Patton
Joe Louis Pavlik
Rogers Perdue

Vincent Ponteri
Doris Ragus
Jesse Rameriz

Freshmen

Roger Reedy
Benjamin Robbins
Joy Kay Rogers

Freddy Ross
Sandra Ross
Jimmy Rather

Freshmen

Gary Rowe
Chloe Rugeley
Ginger Russell

Rosemary Ryman
Sarah Ryman
Bernice Sabersula

Yolanda Sanchez
Nancy Seerden
Roy Lee Sellers

Lary Shaver
John Shearer
Judith Simpson

Wortham Smith
Martha Spitdowski
Betty Stewart

Freshmen

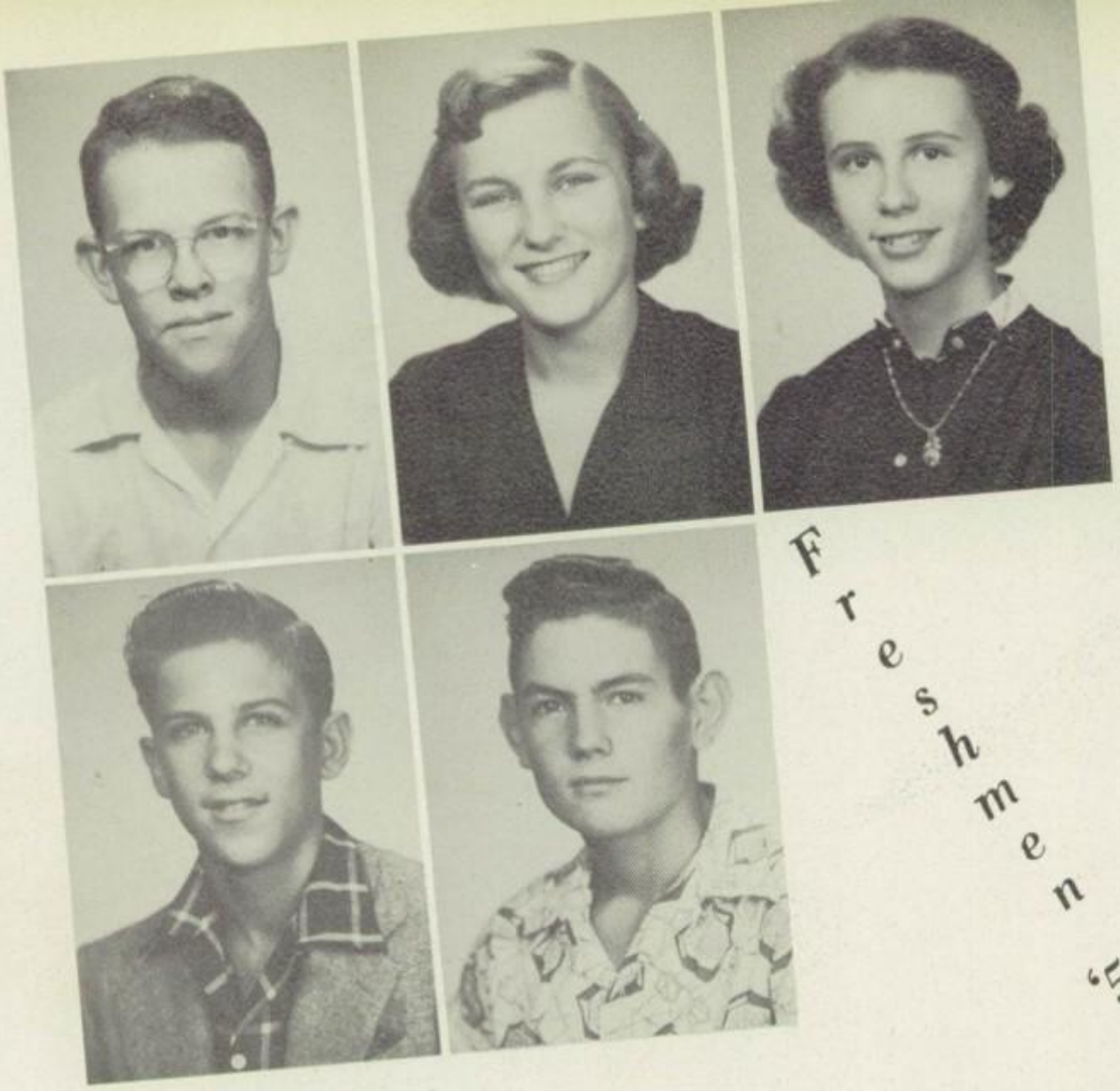
David Stewart
Freddy Stanley
Mary Ann Starr

Lewis Steves
Minnie Sul
Georgia Ann Sweeney

Joyce Thompson
Claudia Tweedle
Myrna Uher

Antonia Villanueva
Micheal Wade
Eddie Ware

Reggie Watson
Jo Ellen Werlla
Hazel Williams



ulian Williams
Shelby Williamson
Glenda Wix

Jerry Woods
Jimmy Yeamans

Freshmen '54

Mr. Hamilton, one of the Vice Presidents of Taylor Publishing Company, meets with members of the Annual Staff to discuss publication.

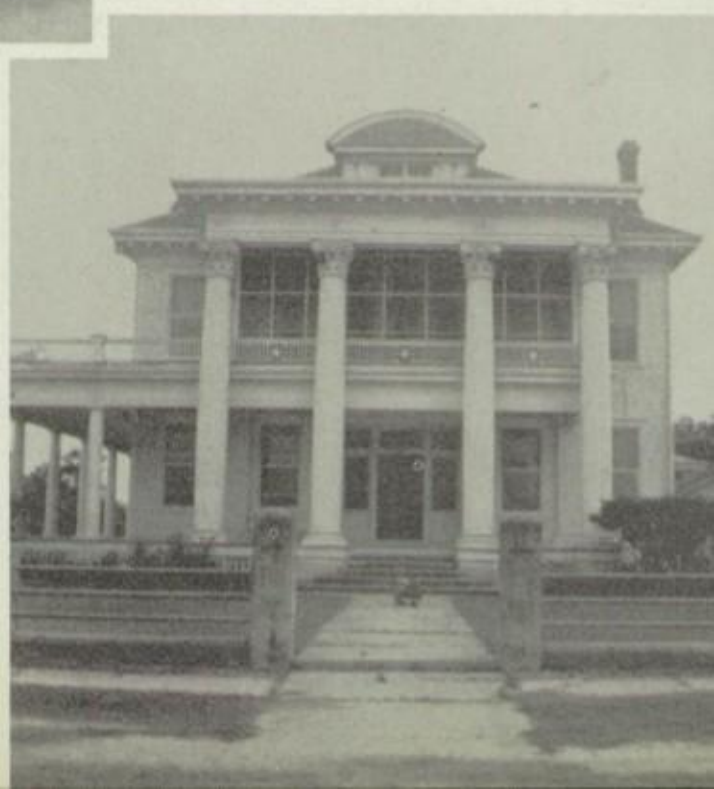
Many students gather for bon-fire that inspired the Black Cats to victory.

A CITY OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES

Our town has many beautiful homes located over a wide area of paved streets and avenues.

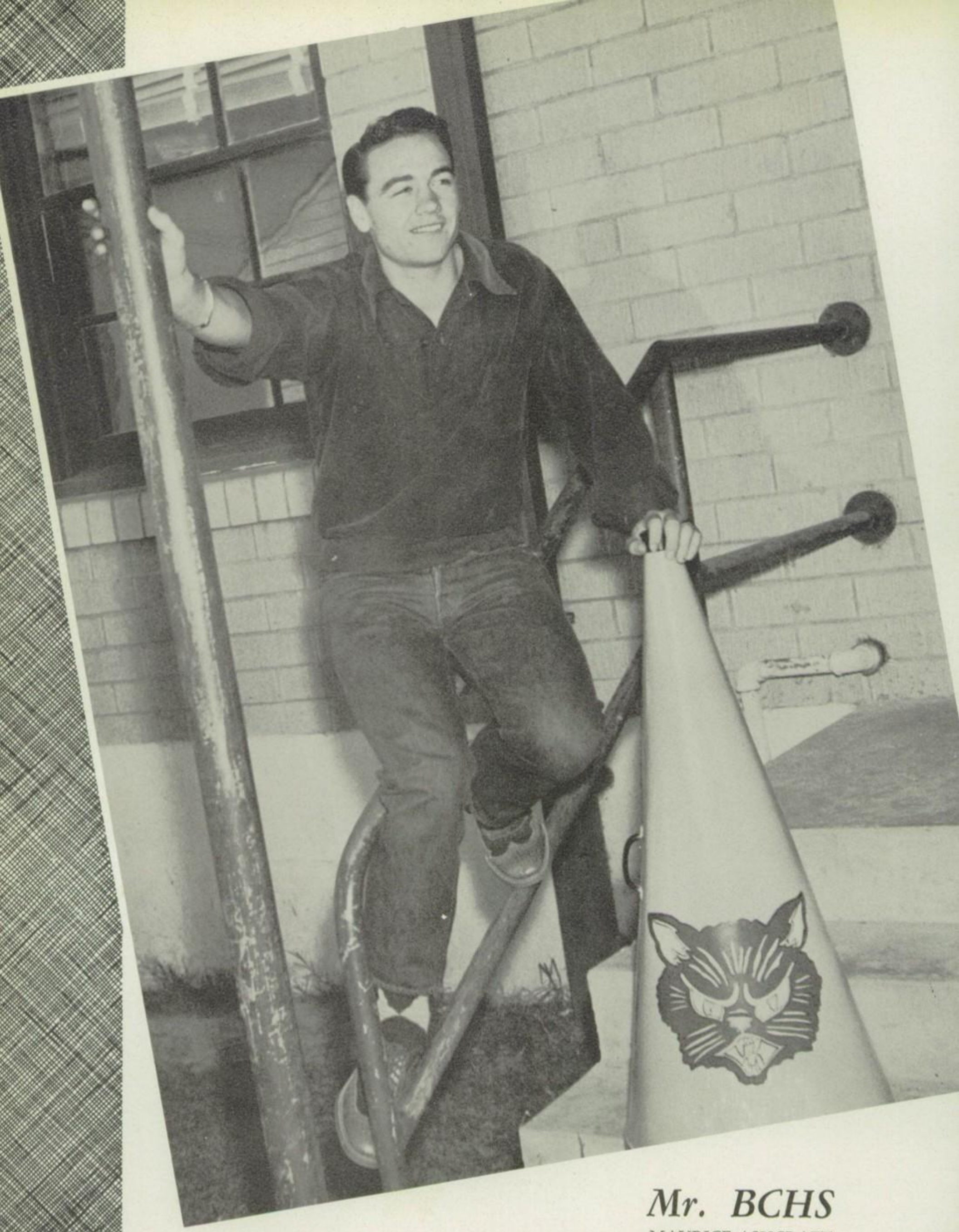
Located in a residential section is the Matagorda General Hospital which is equipped with the best medical equipment and staff for a hospital its size in the Southland.

In a convenient location is the City's swimming pool. The neighborhood children and teenagers find this is a good spot when the hot winds blow in from the Gulf of Mexico.



One of the favorite places in town is the Service Center. Druing the year many social events are held in the ballroom of this building. Some of the events sponsored by the school are the Sophomore Sweetheart Formal and the Junior and Senior Banquet.

Favorites



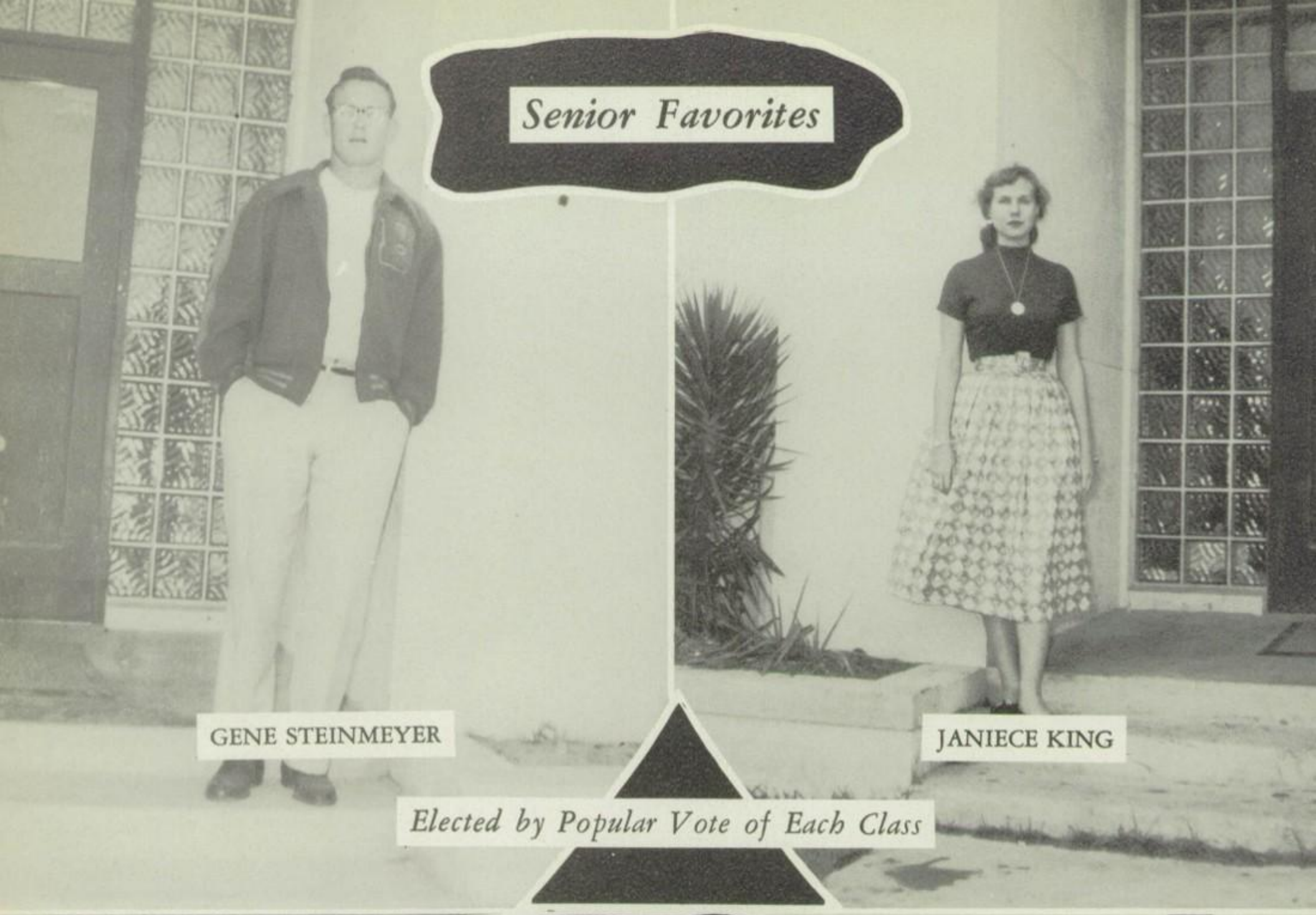
Mr. BCHS

MAURICE ASHCRAFT

Miss BCHS

CLAIRE LYLE

Senior Favorites



GENE STEINMEYER

JANIECE KING

Elected by Popular Vote of Each Class

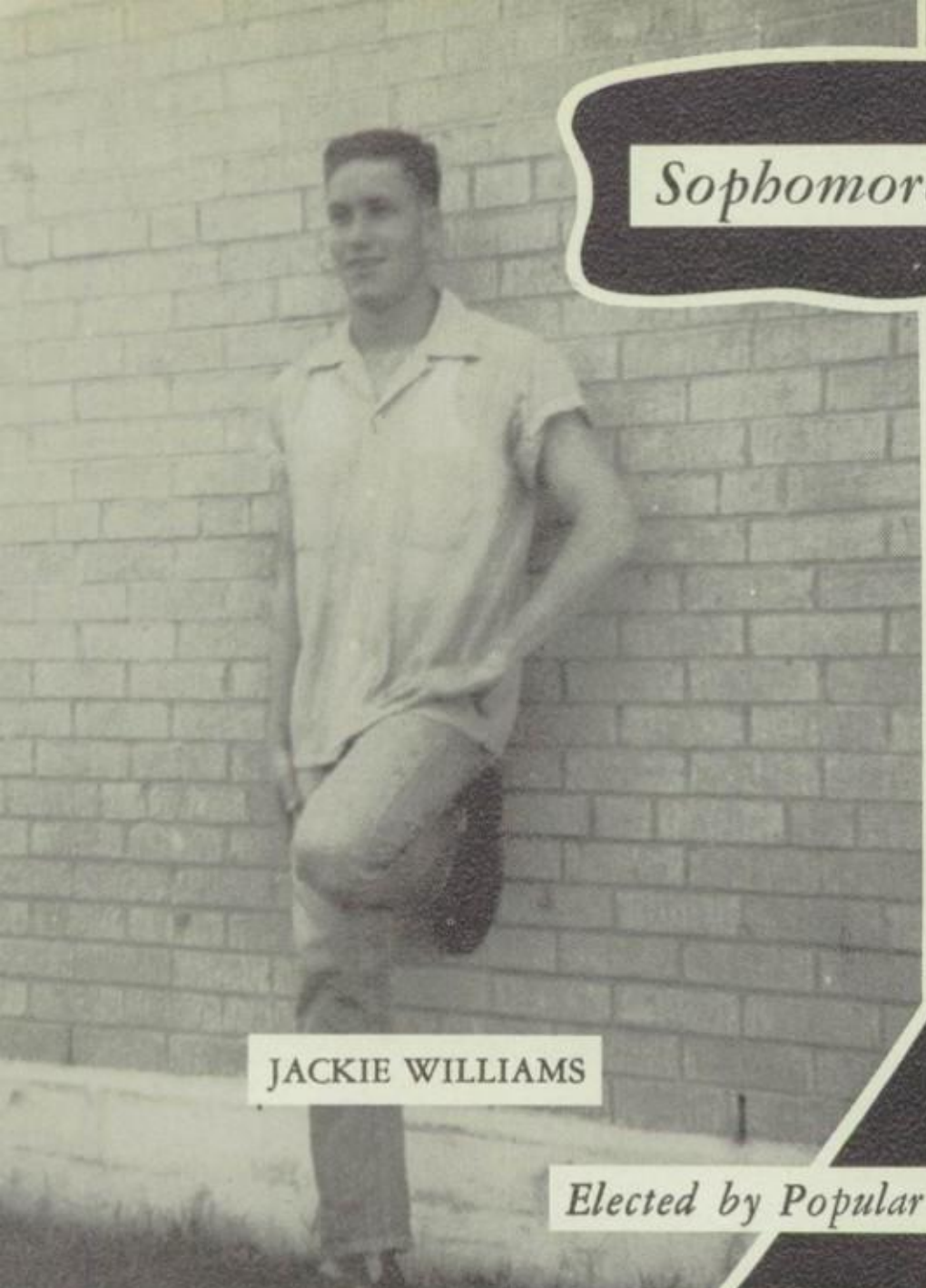
Junior Favorites

SHIRLEY DARBY

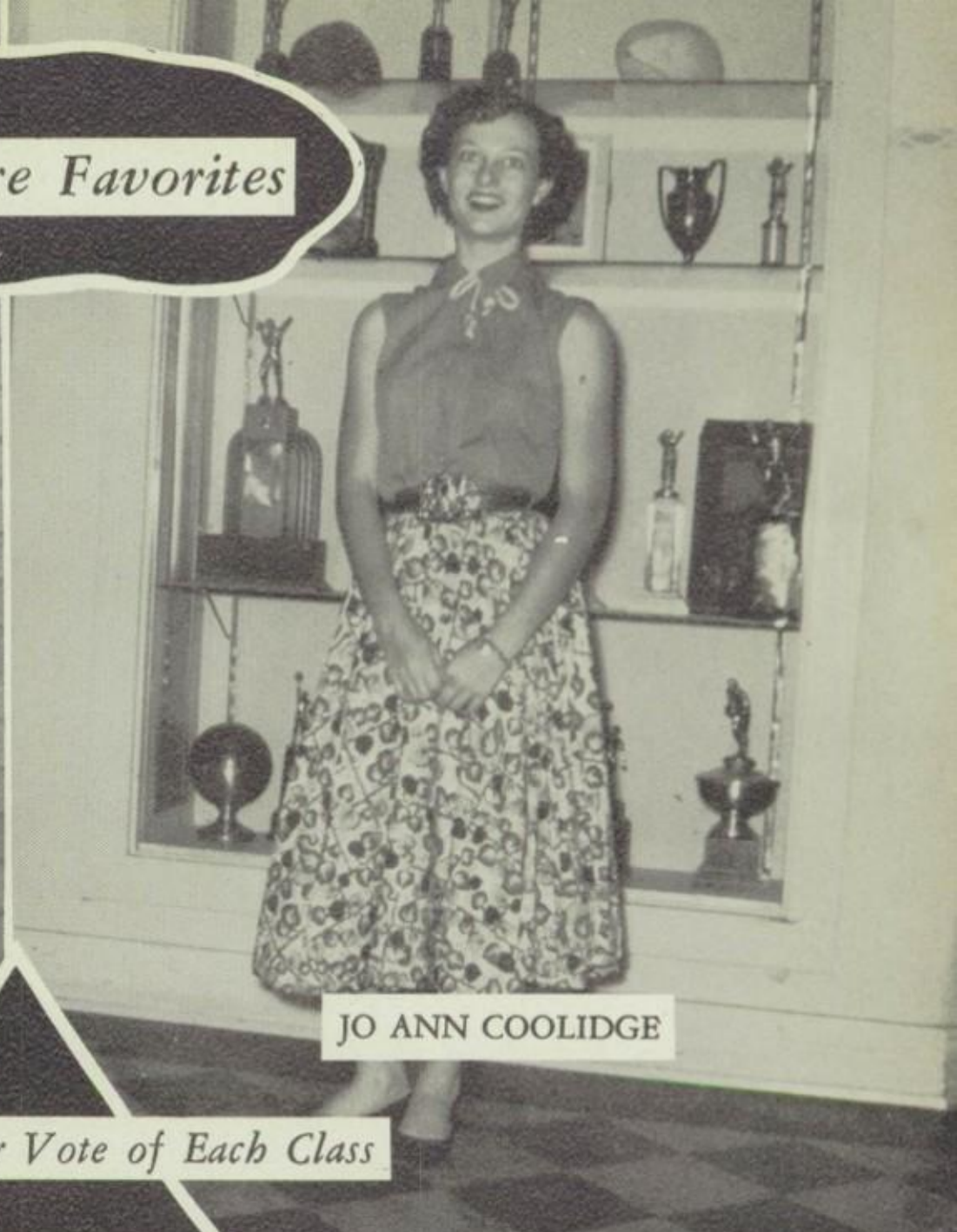
BRYAN SIMONS

Elected by Popular Vote of Each Class

Sophomore Favorites



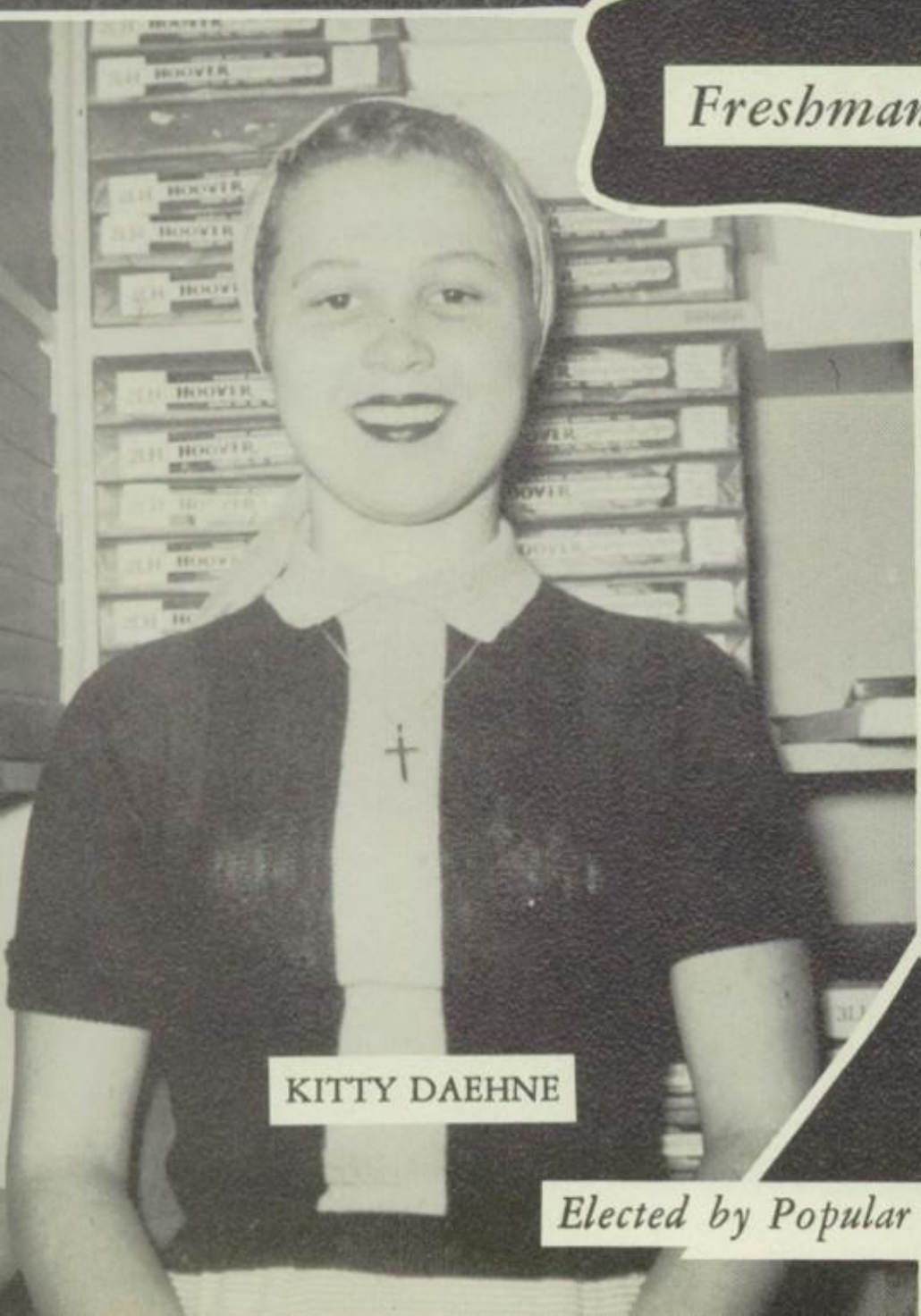
JACKIE WILLIAMS



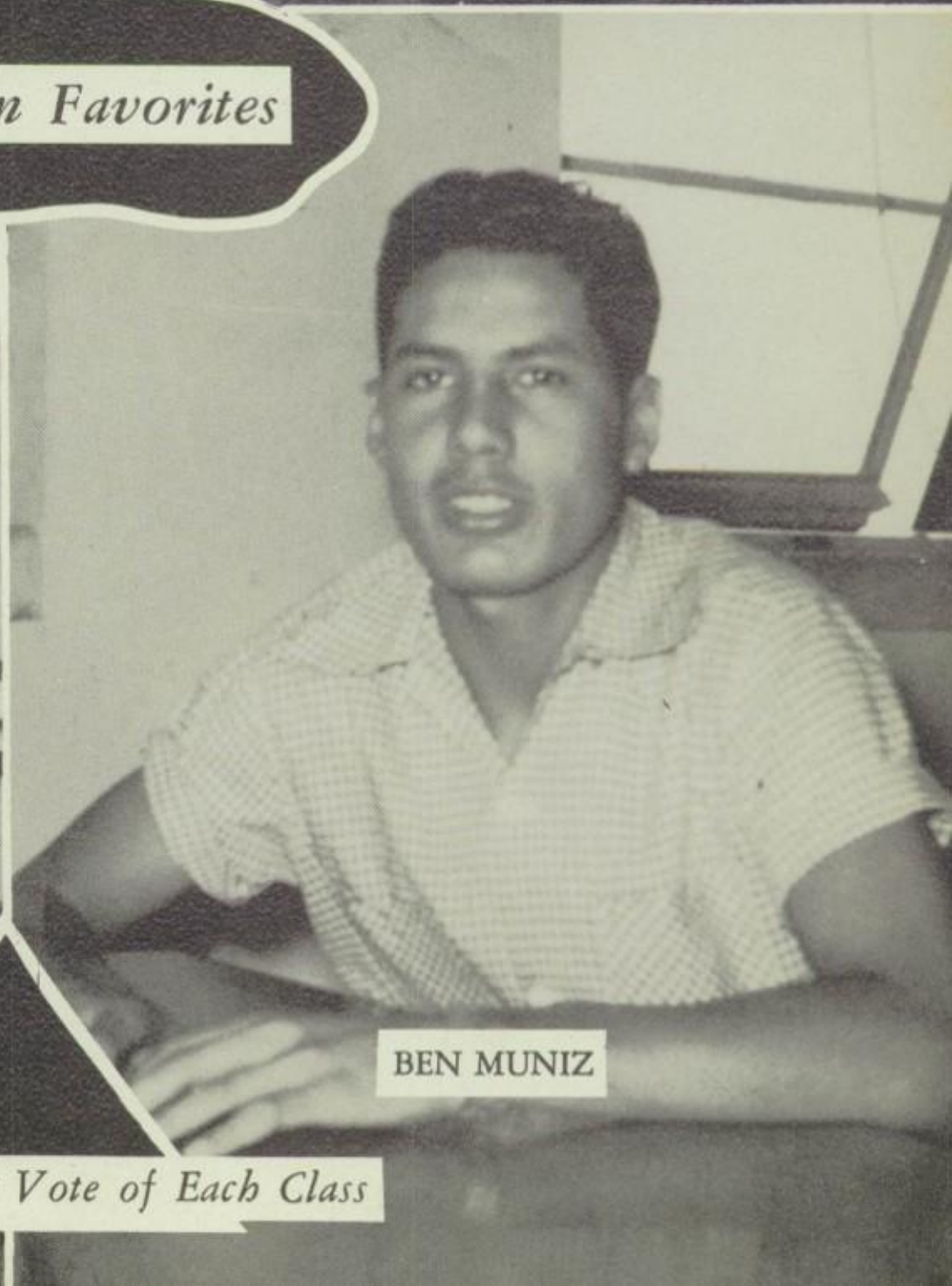
JO ANN COOLIDGE

Elected by Popular Vote of Each Class

Freshman Favorites



KITTY DAEHNE

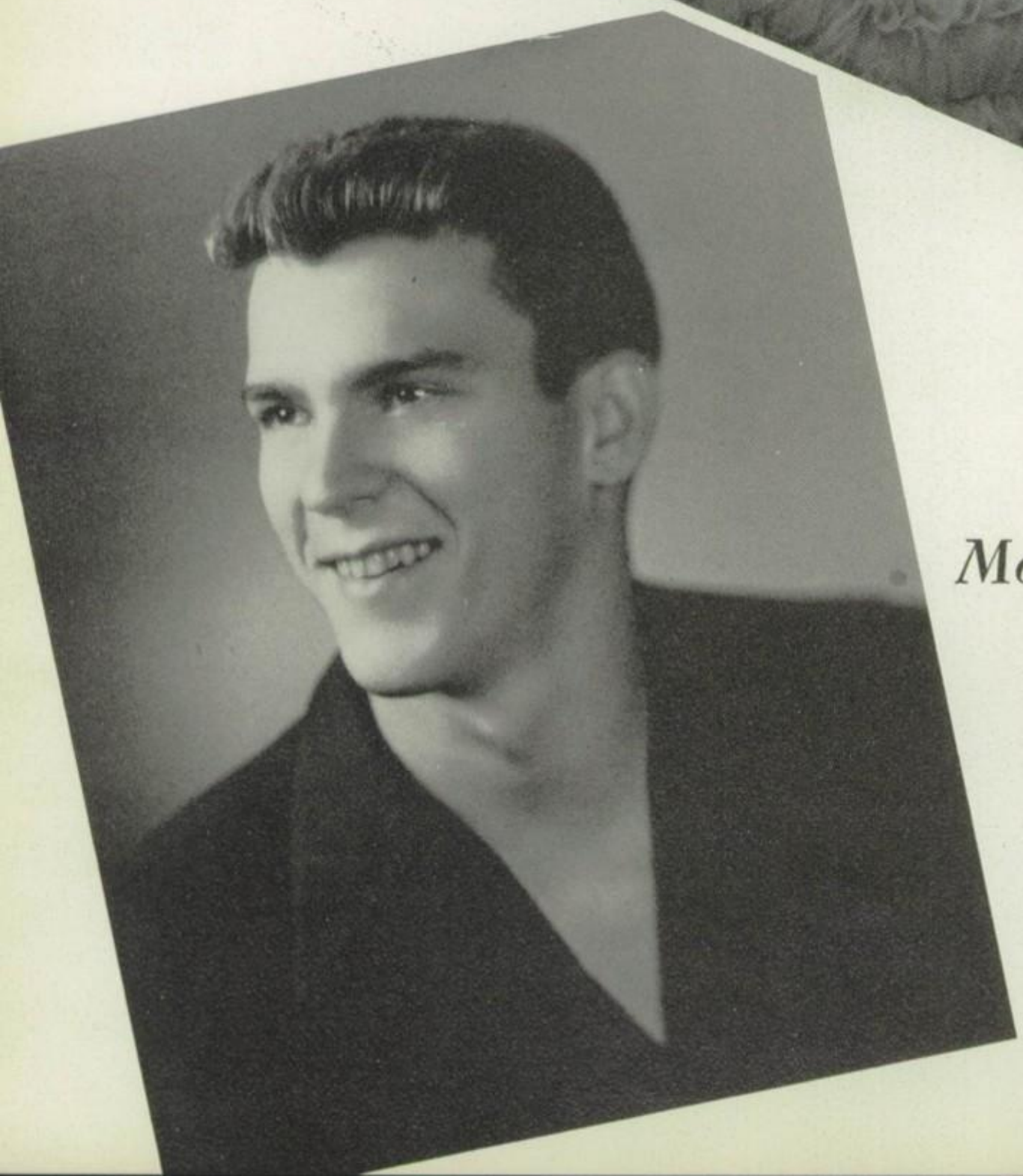


BEN MUNIZ

Elected by Popular Vote of Each Class

Most Beautiful Girl

MARTHERLE BROUGHTON



Most Handsome Boy

BOLTON GREGORY

E. M. HUITT

One saying around the campus is *"Huitt Can Do It."* This seems to be so as the student body in a general election elected E. M. as the most dependable boy in high school.

LIBBY GLENN

This young lady won the title of the most dependable girl in Bay City High School because of her promptness in undertaking the task at hand. Her friendly smile has worked its way into the heart of teachers as well as students.

A favorite "little man" around school is none other than Billy Anderson. Billy is a Junior.

Brooks Liston shows a young lady just how it is done at one of the band gatherings.

The person wearing the smile in this picture is Miss Farmer, a popular Junior English teacher.

MUSIC LOVERS

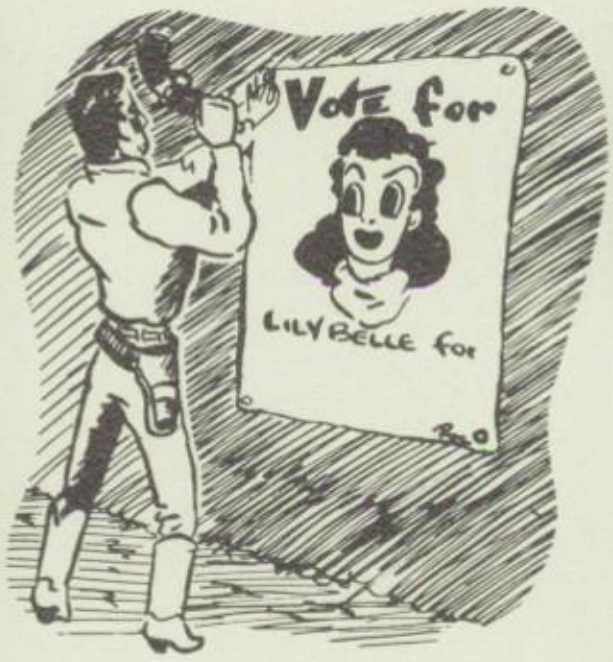
January 3, 1827, Thomas M. Duke of Bay Prairie wrote to Col. Austin that the settlers in this section needed help in their fight against the Karankawas, an Indian tribe of this section.

1953 Homecoming Queen

GLENDA STARNES

ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

These Election Judges are counting the votes for the high school election of favorites. Seated around the table are Libby Glenn, Claire Lyle, Donald Bell, Wortham Smith, and Norma Lynn Bissett.



Not only did these students serve as Election Judges but they are also the bookkeepers for the Black Cat Annual. Hard at work are Donald Bell, Leo Winters, and Irene Sansing.

Leo and Libby are holding Conference with Mr. McDonald.

What are you hiding girls?

Miss Christenberry, our Librarian.

These Freshmen are doing some hard studying in the Library.

. . . and the rains came . . .

Mary, Mary, quite contrary how does your knowledge grow?

The band hall is surrounded by water from a ten inch rain.

Duet or Solo?

"The Future of the World Depends upon the Fitness of its Youth."

Physical Education

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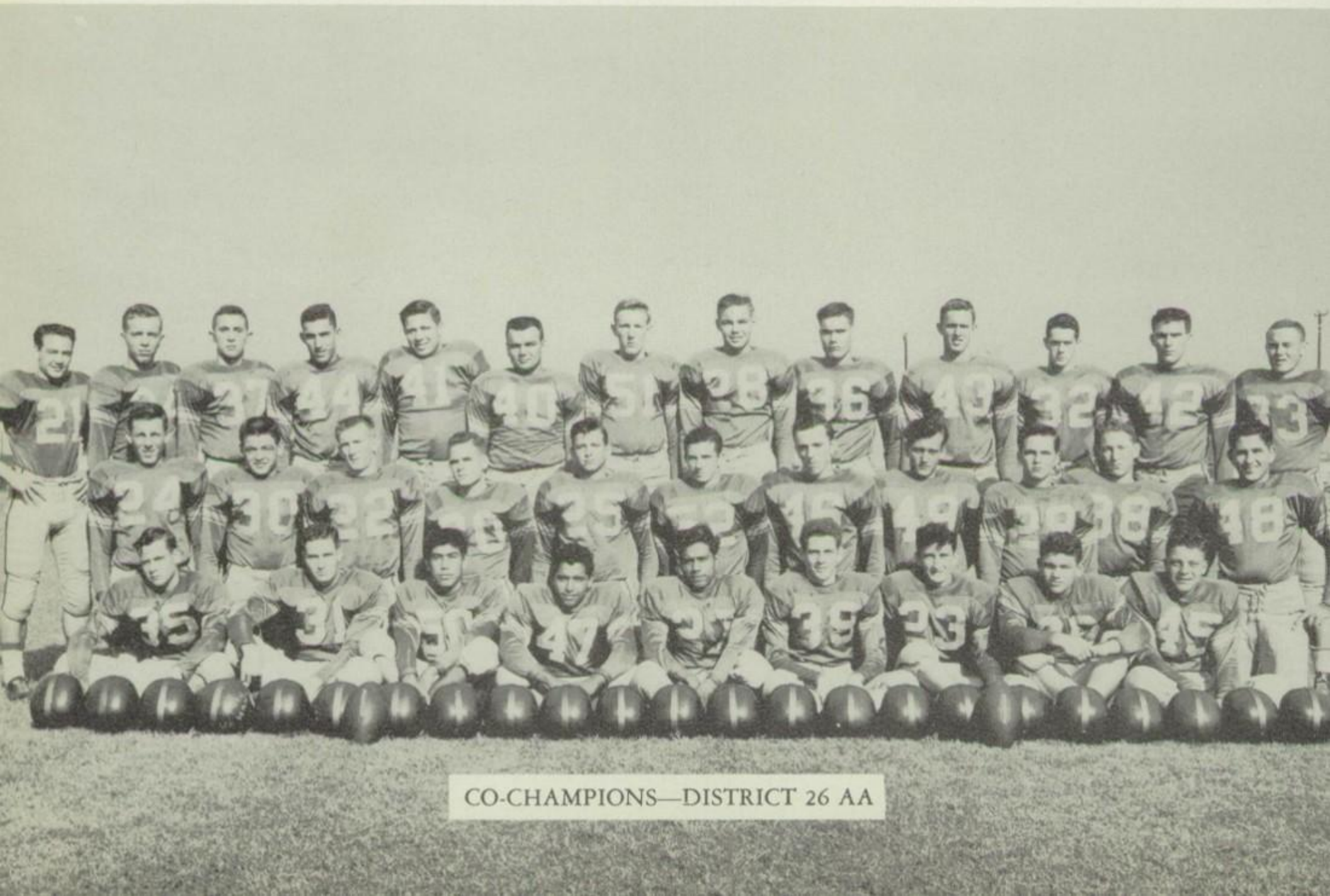
Football *Sweetheart*

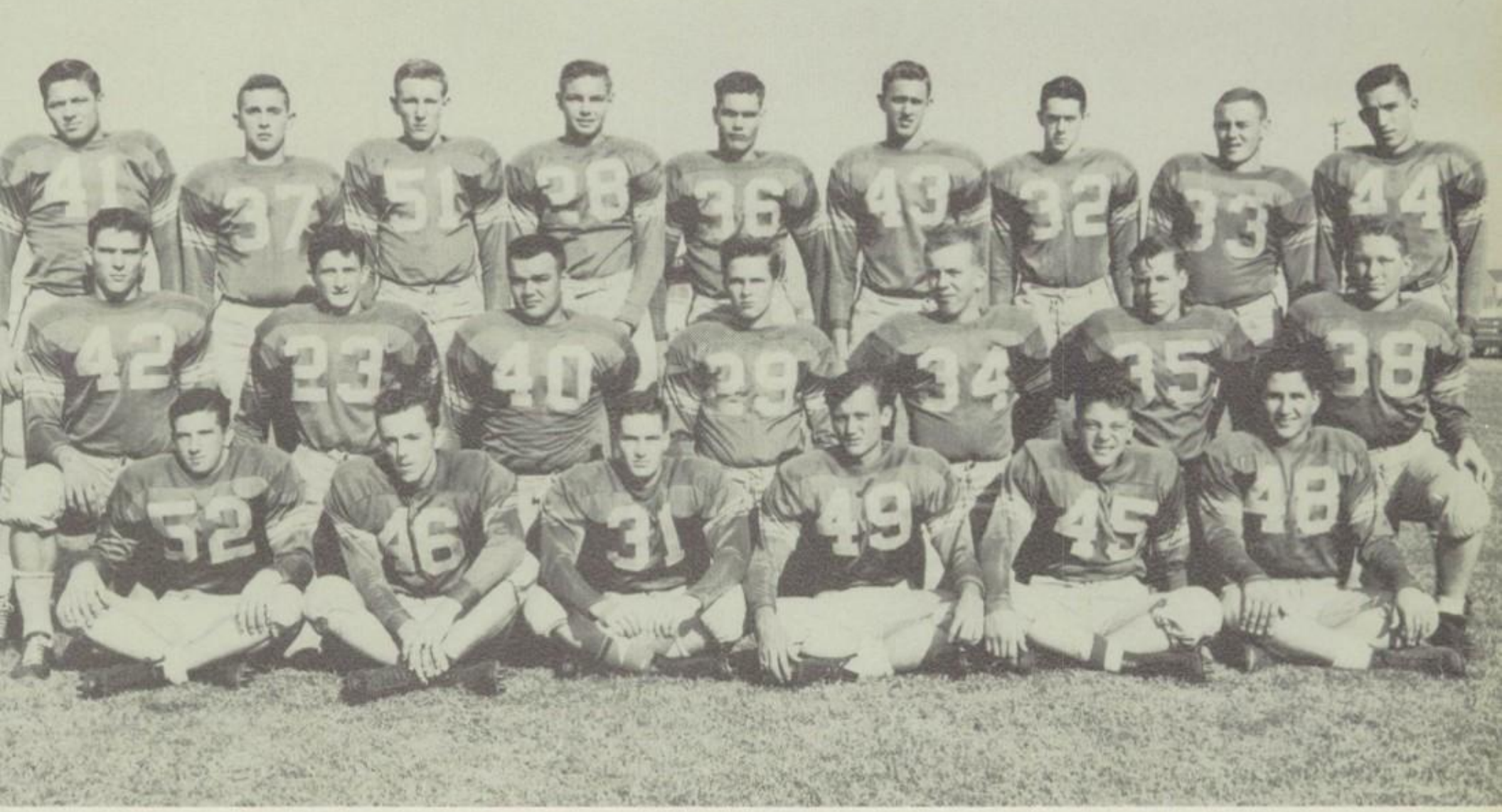
CLAIRE LYLE



CO-CHAMPIONS—DISTRICT 26 AA

Top row, left to right: Ashcraft, Genzer, Williams, Williamson, Bissett, Steinmeyer. Front row: Yeamans, Martinez, Rameriz, Benavides, Hearn, Robertson.

Black Cat Backs



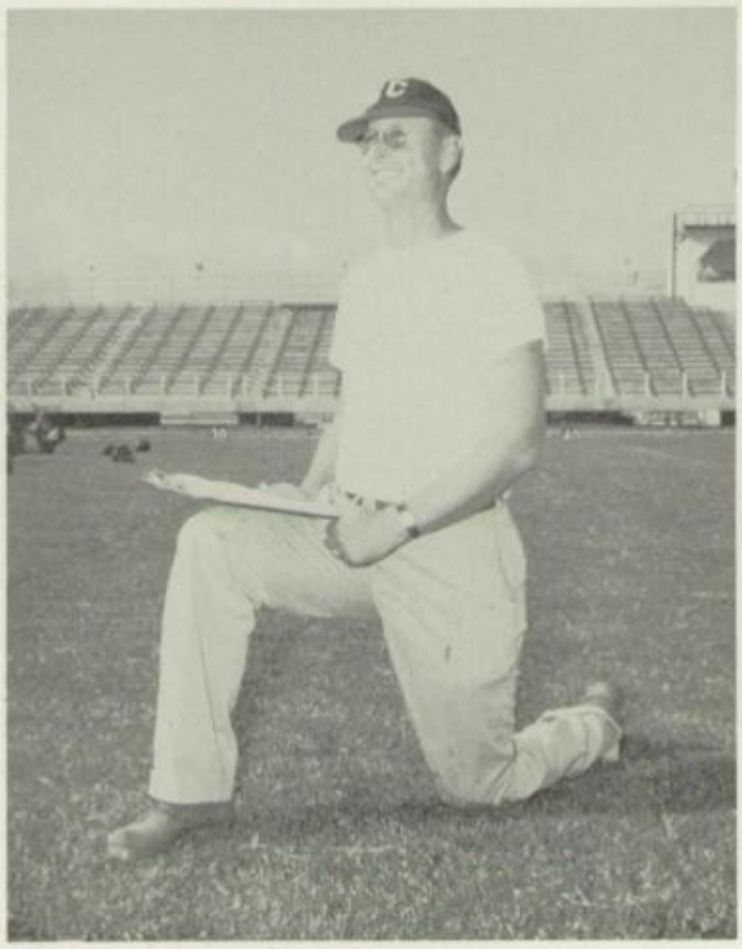
Top row, left to right: Waltermire, Riggs, Shaw, Simons, Falks, Watkins, Hale, Steinmeyer, Whaley. Middle row: Gregory, Edwards, Frank, Kain, Hanson, Watson, Shoultz. Front row: Elkins, Pavlik, Williams, Taylor, Ottis, Kovar.

Black Cat Linemen

DON HALEY
Head Coach

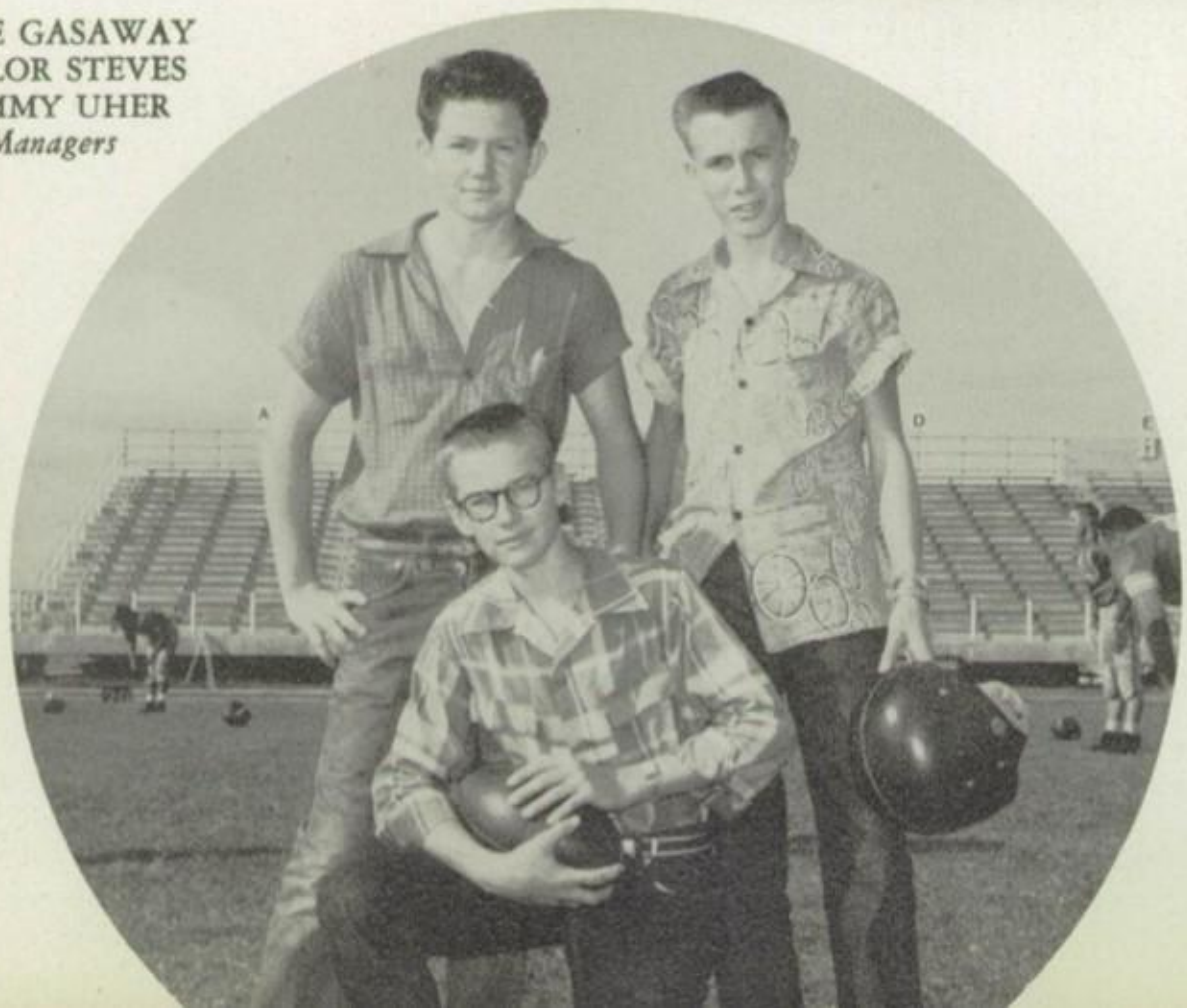
All District

These boys were chosen members of the All-District football team: Maurice Ashcraft, Corky Frank, Gene Steinmyer, Quentin Watkins, J. B. Waltermire. Not pictured: Bo Gregory.

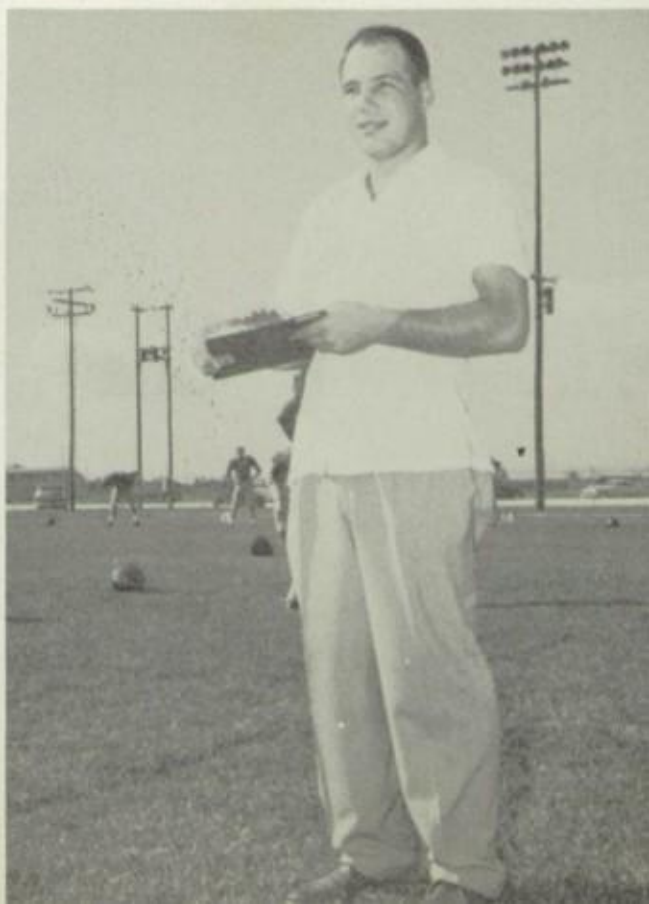


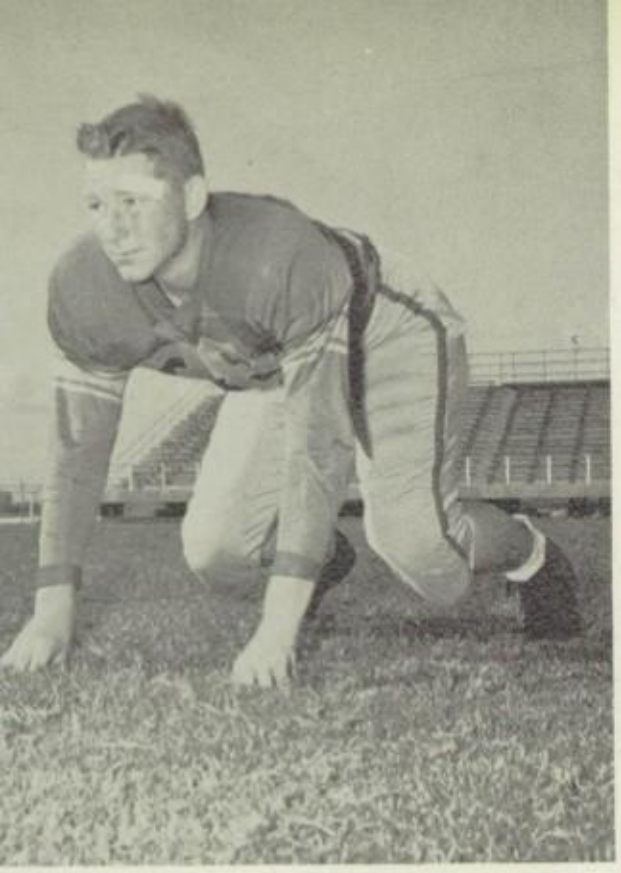
JOE ROGERS
Assistant Coach

STEVE GASAWAY
TAYLOR STEVES
TOMMY UHER
Managers

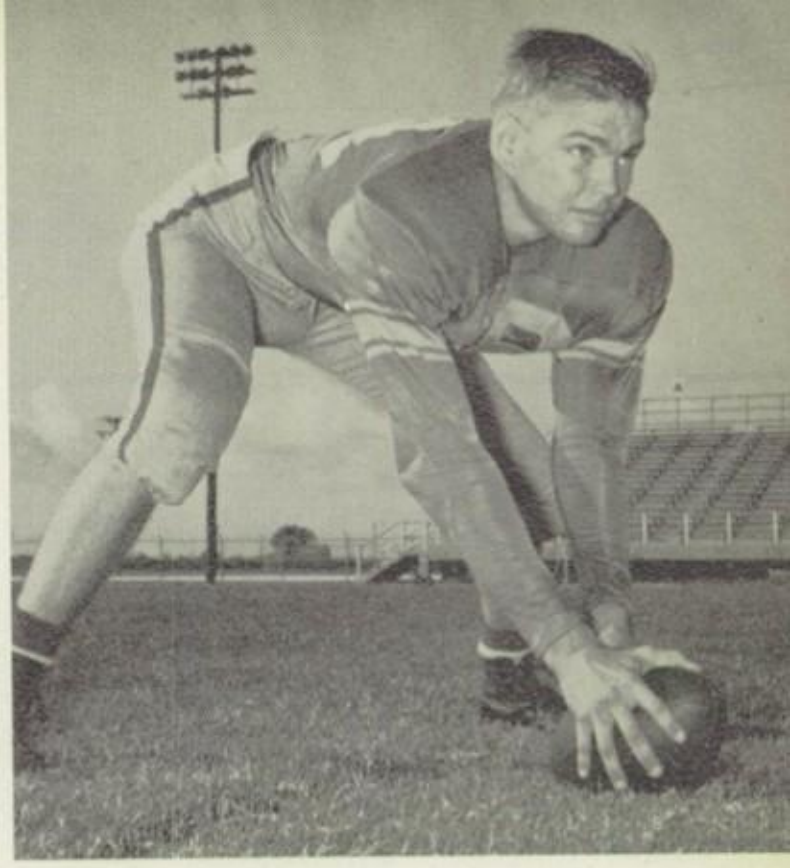


SAM MAGLITTO
"B" Team Coach



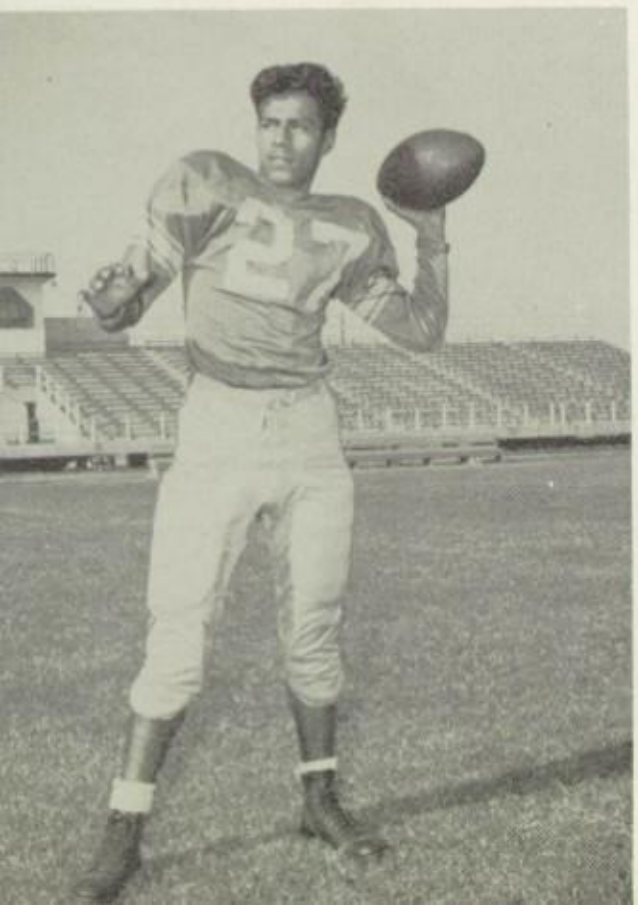


CHARLES SHOULTZ
Guard
1 Letter

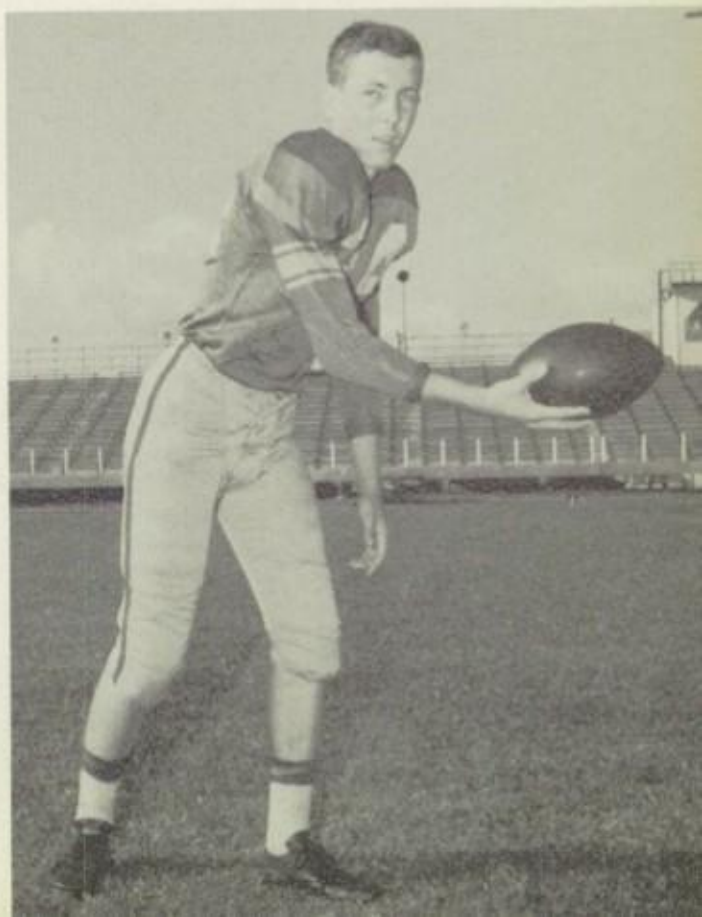


BRYAN SIMONS
Center
2 Letters

The WHARTON game was the game that decided who would win district. This game was a hard one to lose. The game was played on a wet field, and the breaks were against us. The game was played in Wharton. The final score was 7-6 in favor of Wharton.



TOMMY BENAVIDES
Halfback
1 Letter



MIKE WILLIAMSON
Quarterback
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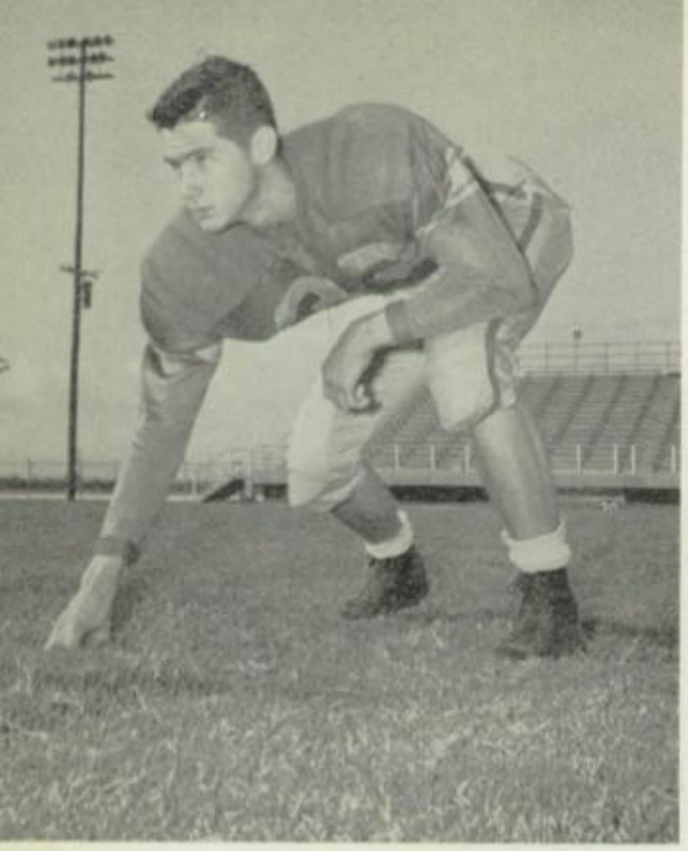

BRYAN HALE
End
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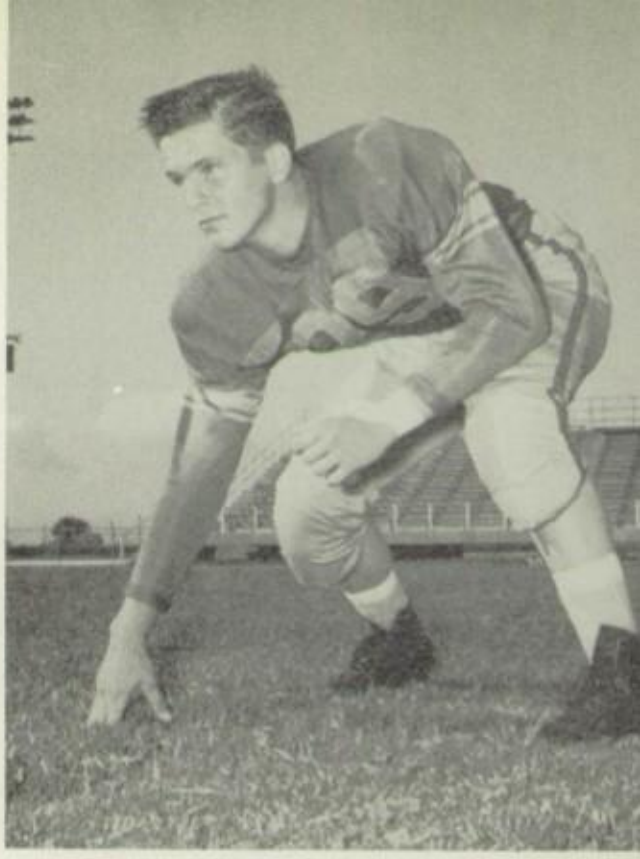
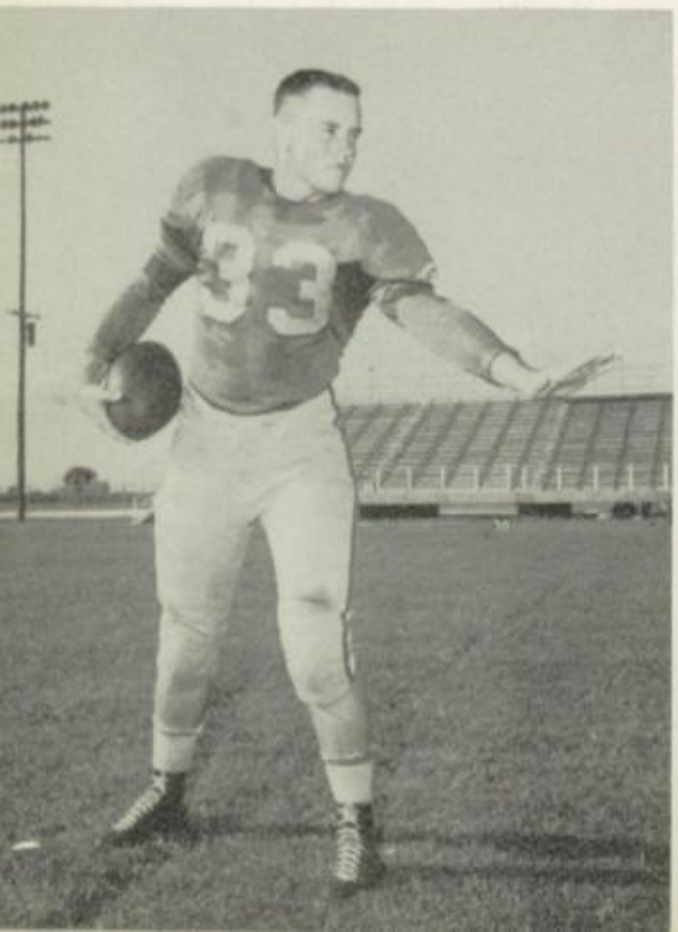
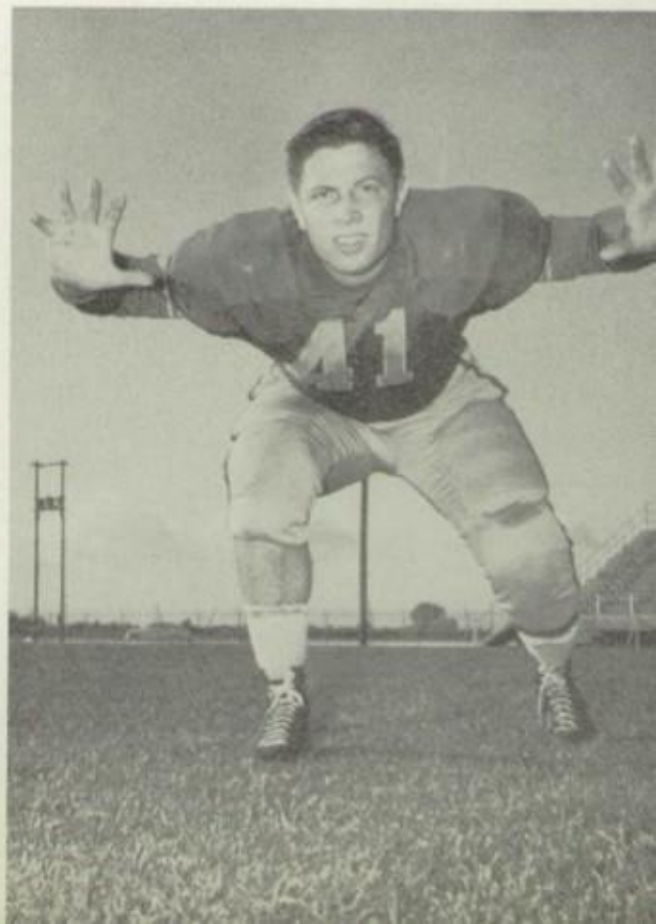


GEORGE KAIN
Guard
2 Letters

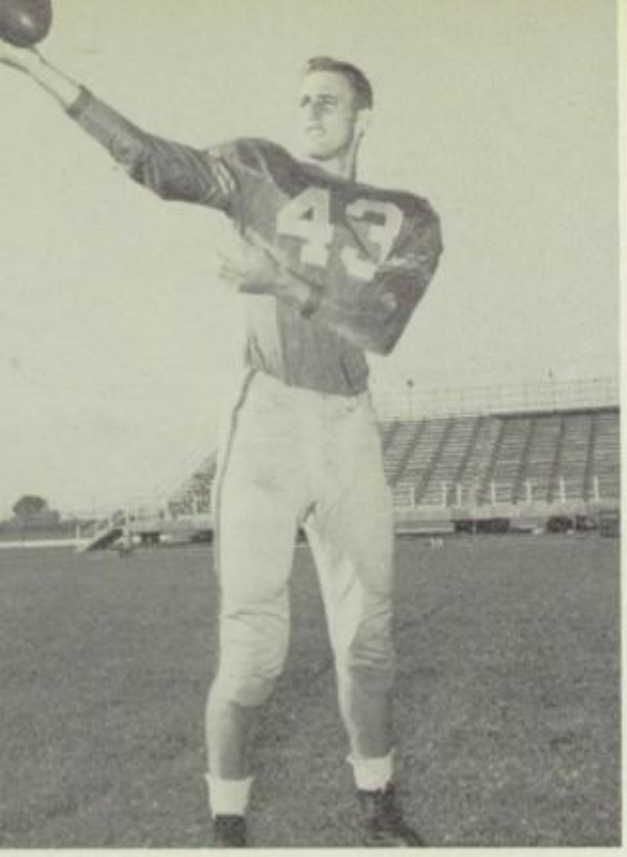
The final score of the BOLING game was 18-0, in Bay City's favor. The game was played on a wet field, and this fact made it a hard game.



GENE STEINMEYER
Guard
3 Letters

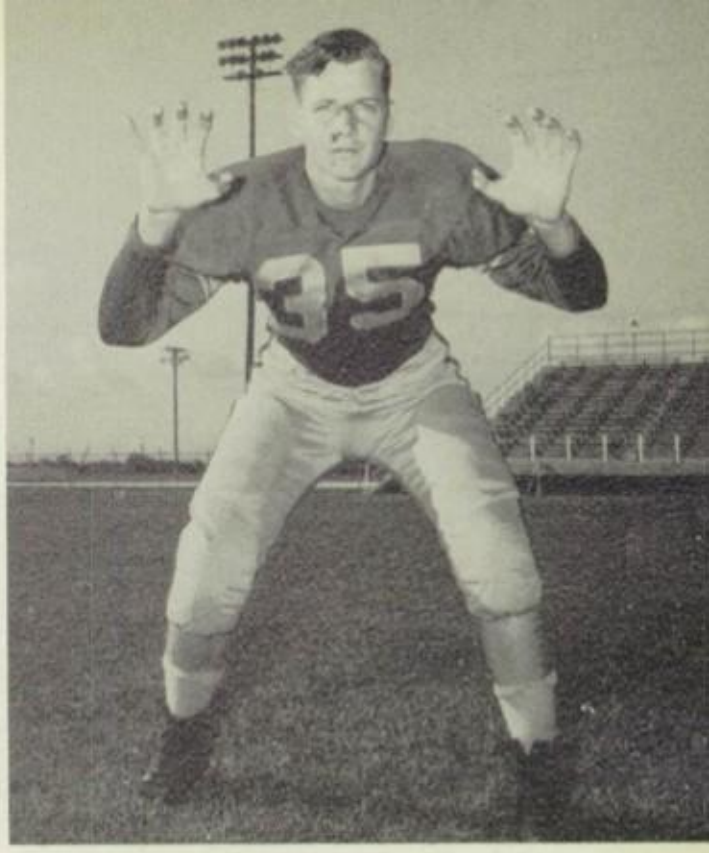


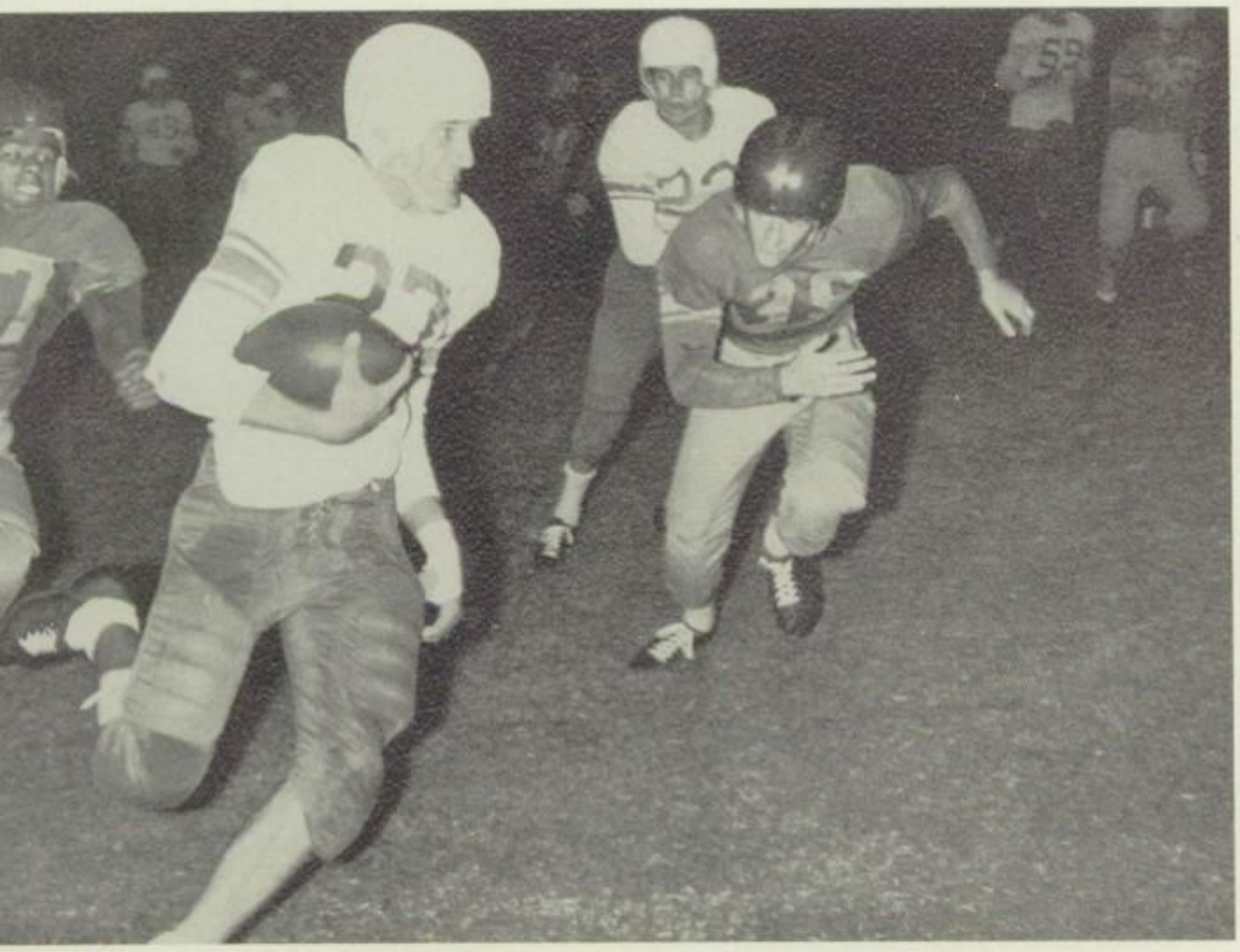
J. B. WALTERMIRE
Tackle
2 Letters



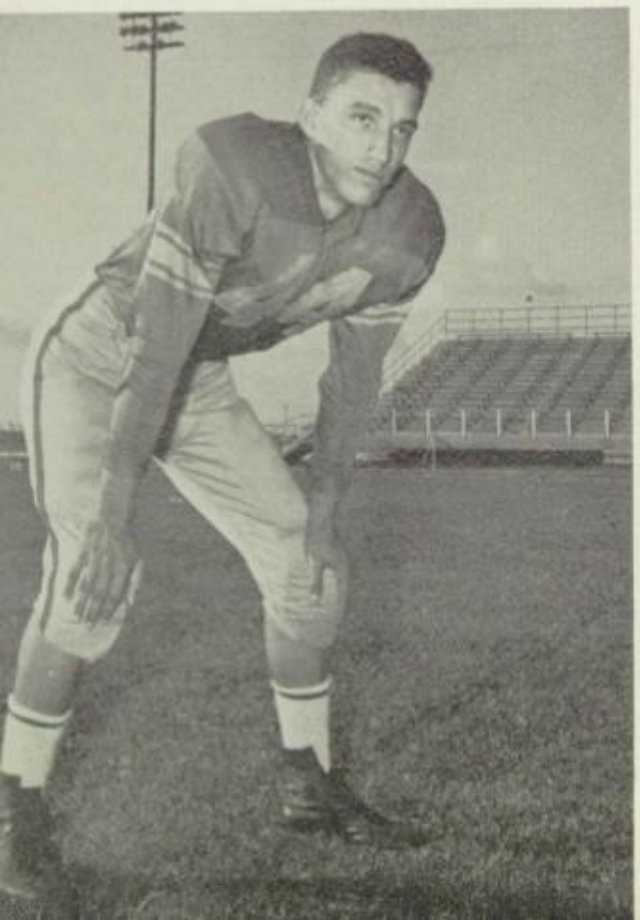
QUENTIN WATKINS
End
2 Letters

TRAVIS WATSON
Guard
1 Letter





The WEST COLUMBIA game was won by Bay City 37-7. It was in this game that Bay City showed they could have been a championship team.



PAUL WHALEY
Guard
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JIMMIE WILLIAMS
Quarterback
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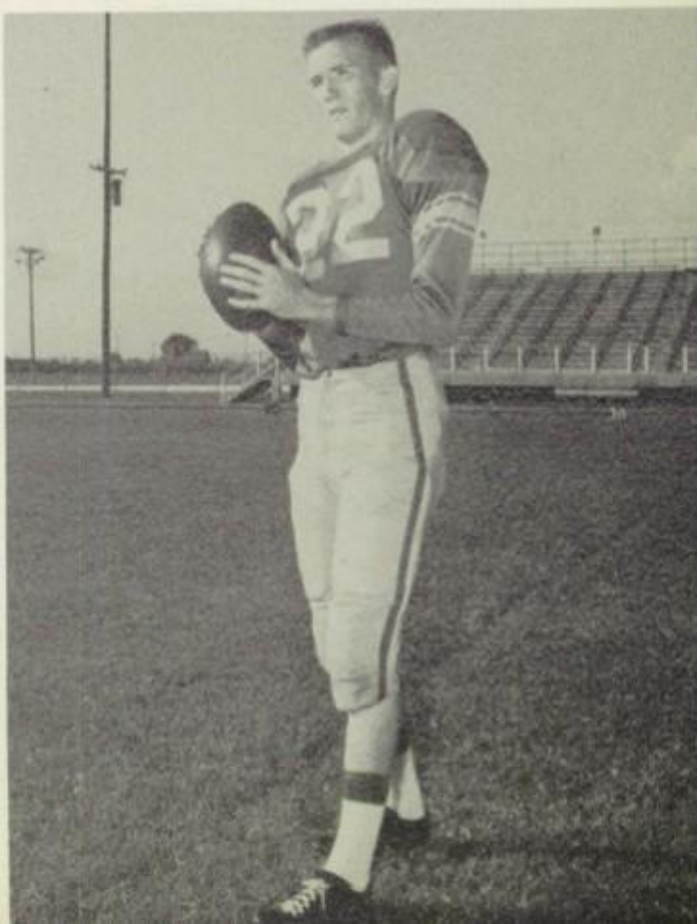
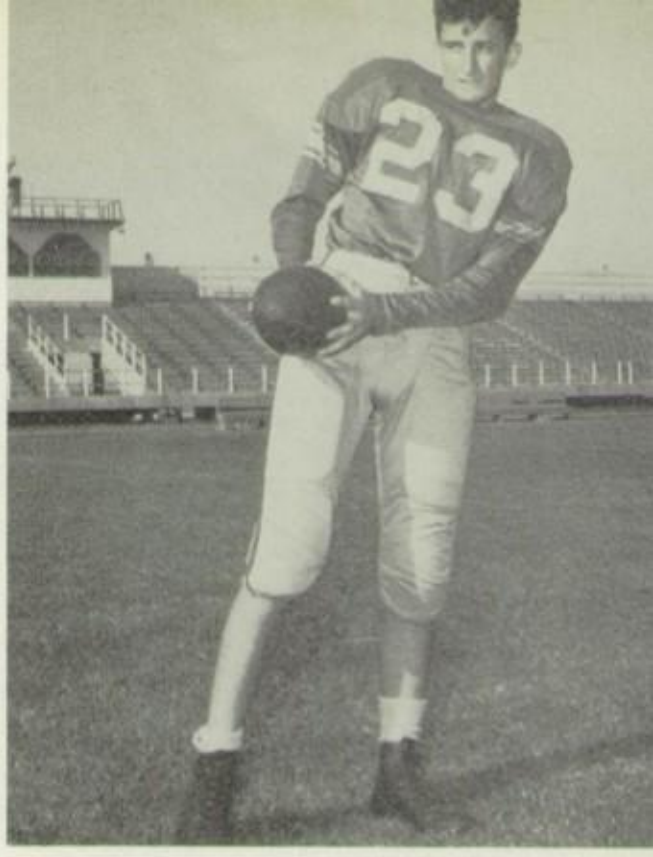


ASA YEAMANS
Halfback
2 Letters



NEIL EDWARDS
End
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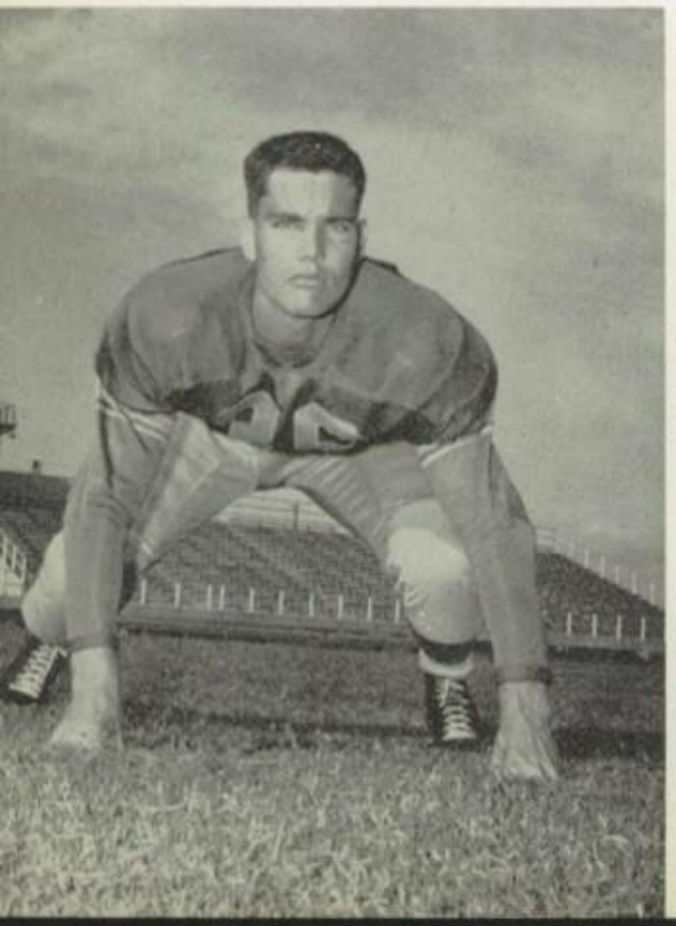
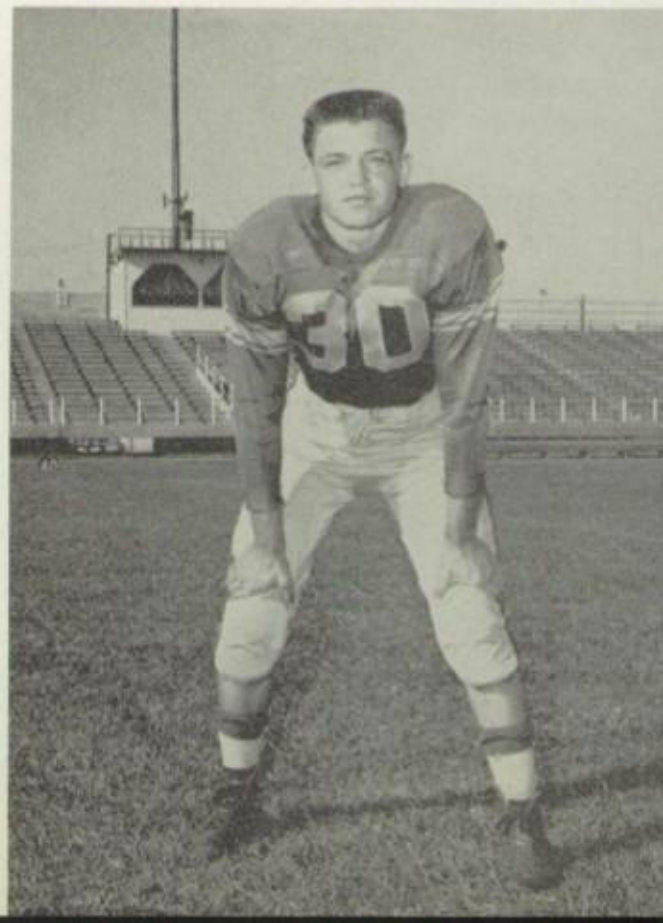
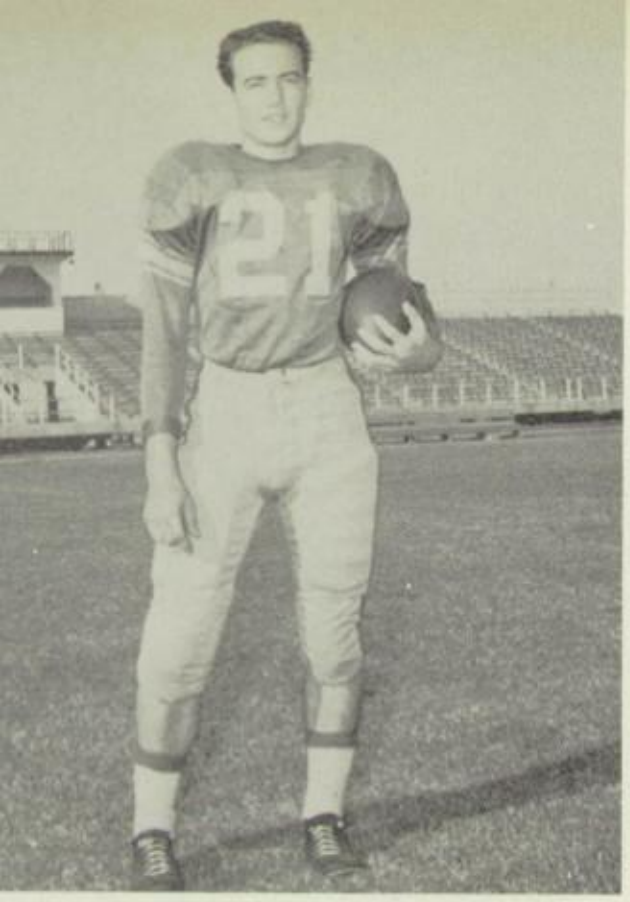
The LAMAR game which was played at Lamar was an easy win for Bay City. The final score was 31-0 in favor of Bay City.



OLLIE FALKS
Tackle
2 Letters

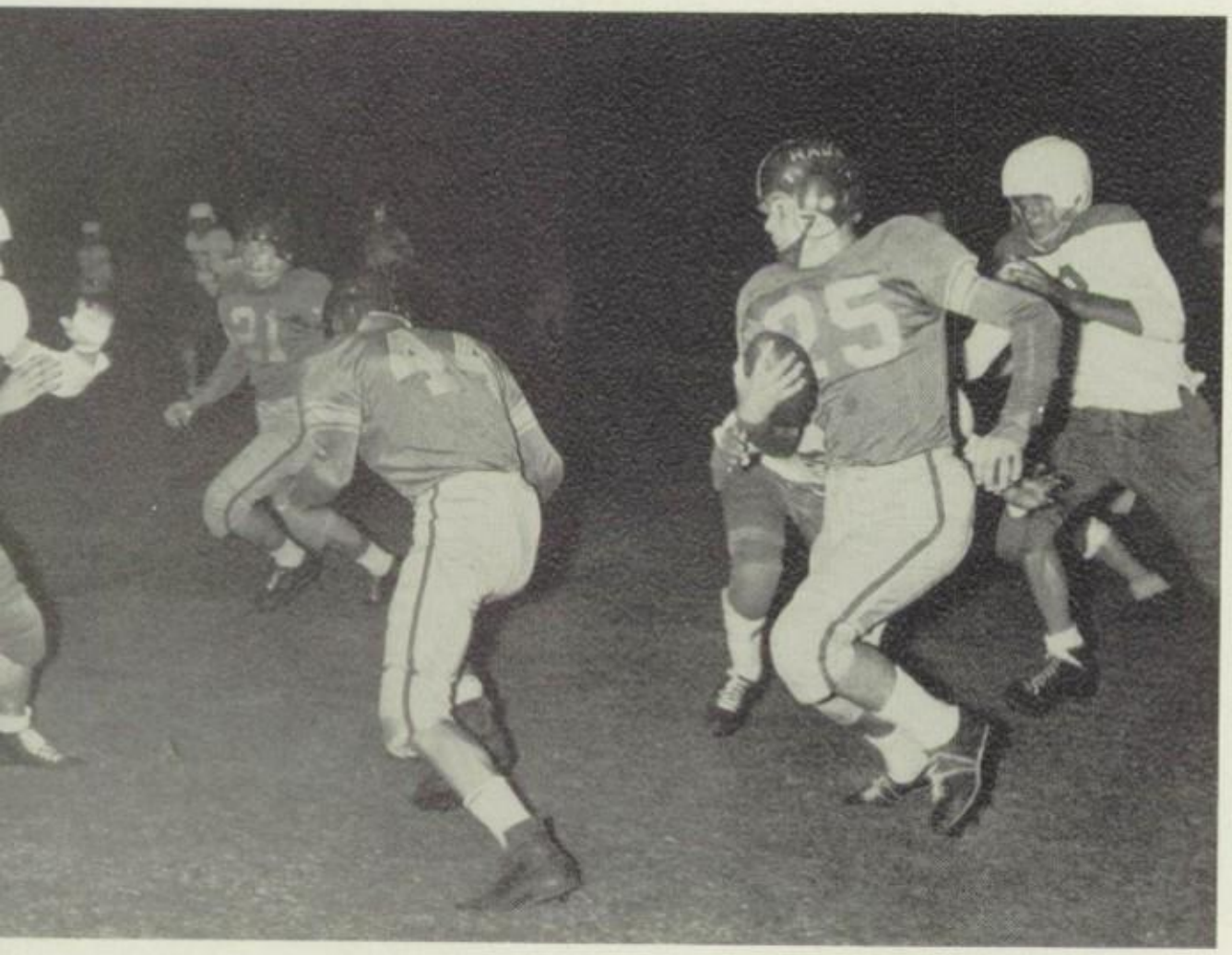


CLARENCE GENZER
Halfback
2 Letters

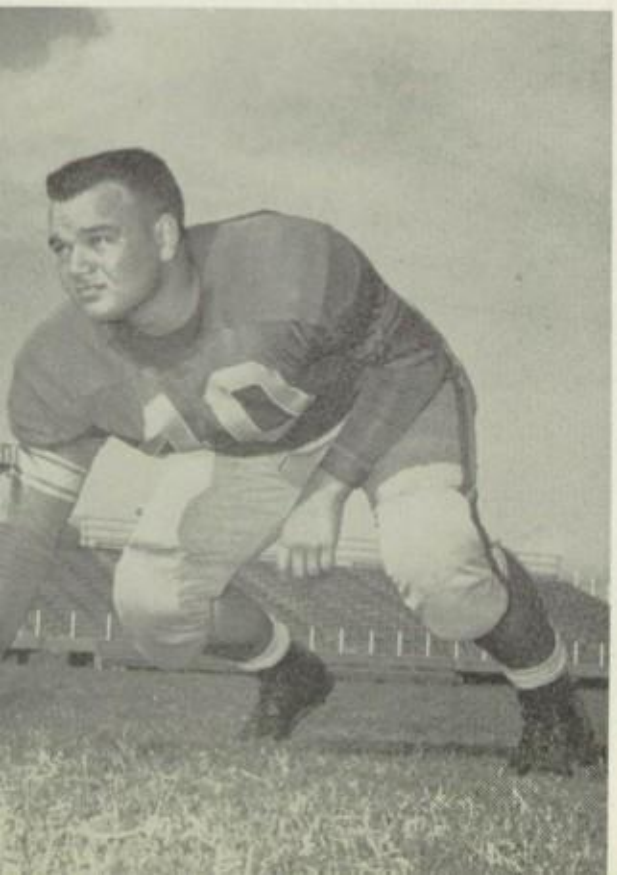


MAURICE ASHCRAFT
Halfback
3 Letters

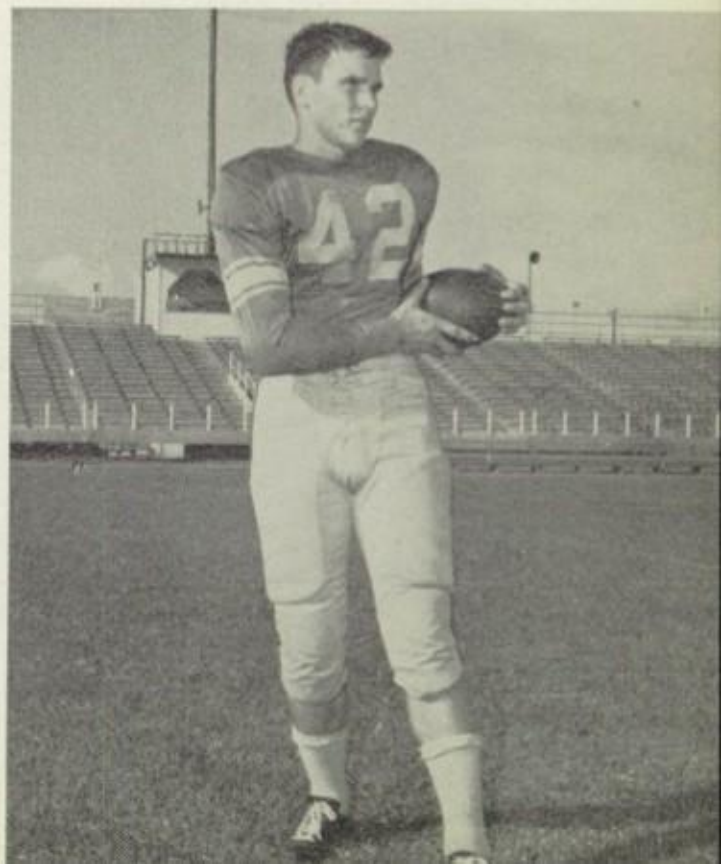
JAMES BISSETT
Fullback
1 Letter



The EL CAMPO game is one game that Bay City always likes to win more than the others. This game which was played at Bay City ended with a final score of 26-7 in favor of Bay City.

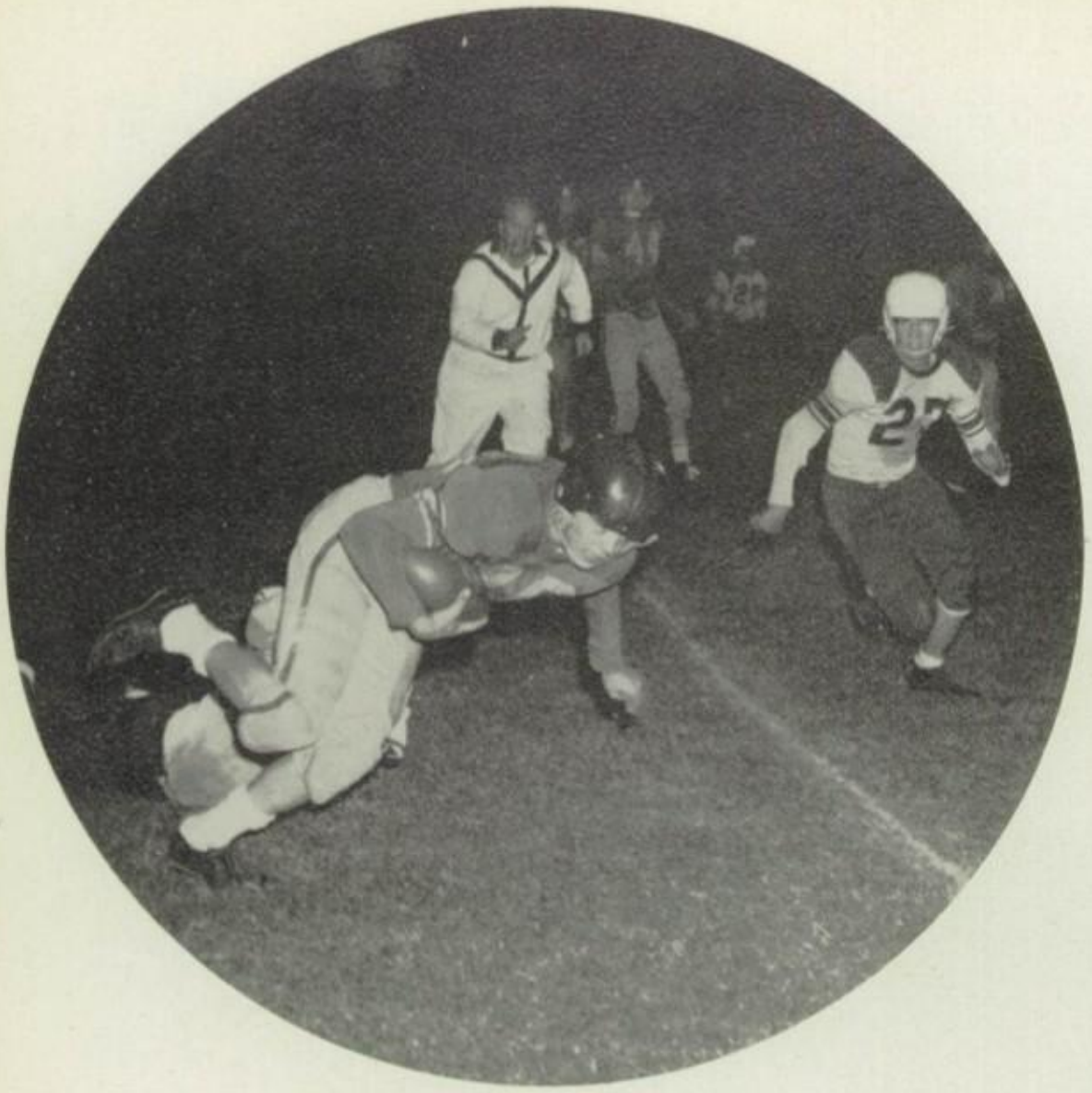


LOUIS "CORKEY" FRANKS
Tackle
2 Letters



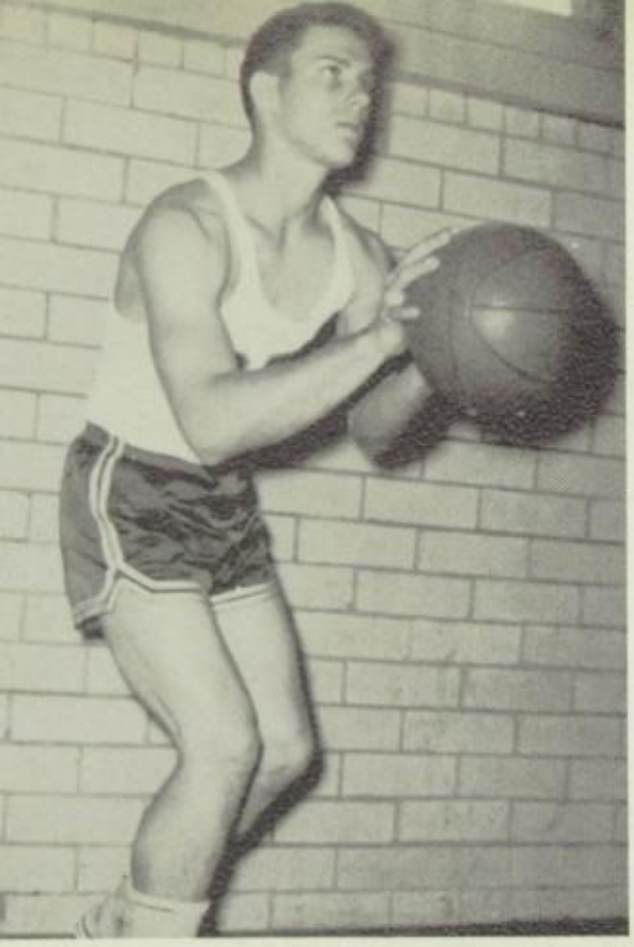
BOLTON GREGORY
End
2 Letters

Football



It looks as if Genzer is being tackled from the rear.

Below we see Coach Maglitto's "B" Team.



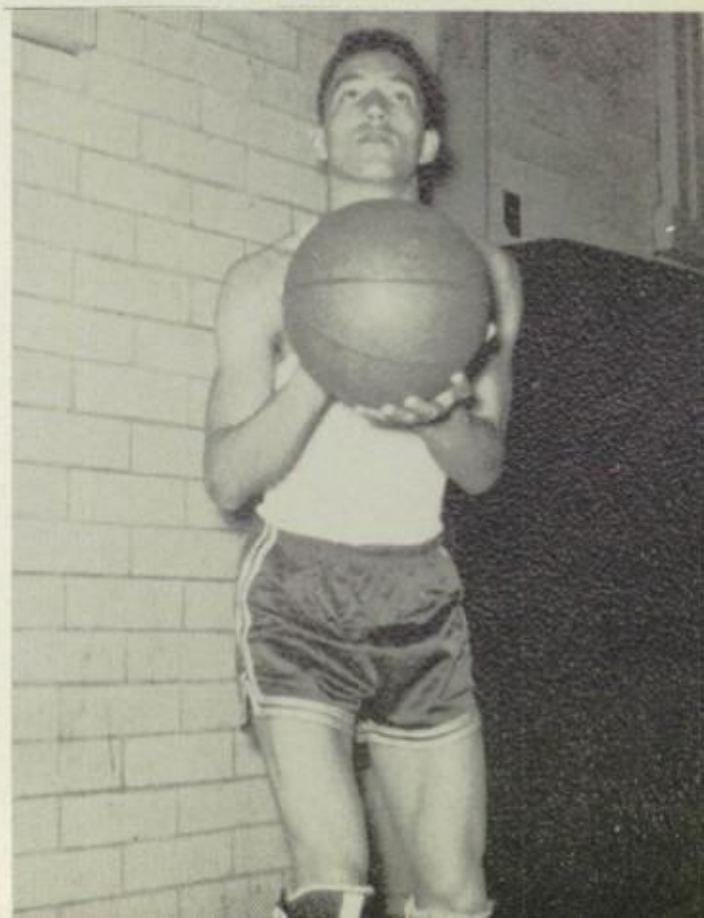
Basketball

The Basketball team was coached this year by Coach Sam Maglitto who was a transferee to the high school from the Bay City Junior High School.

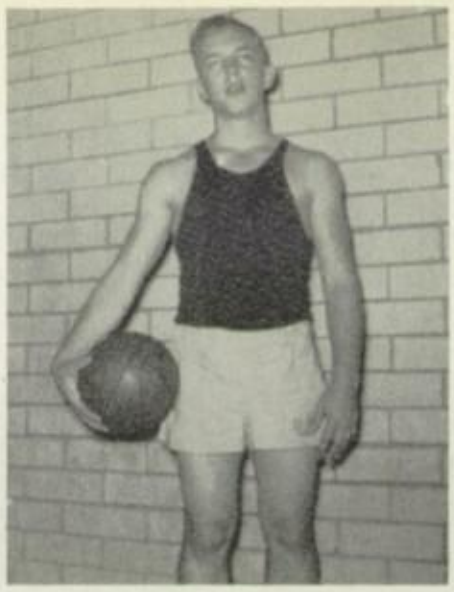
Coach Maglitto's boys showed great sportsmanship throughout the season. The home games were attended well by the community and student body. The out of town games were also attended with great enthusiasm.

The "A" team was mainly composed of the following players pictured in the group below. Kneeling on the bottom row are: Quentin Watkins, the Manager; Jerry Genzer, Jimmy Williams, Maurice Ashcraft, Larry Huitt, Paul Whaley, and Tommy Uher, Manager. Standing, we find Harper Augsburger, James Shaw, Coach Maglitto, Ollie Falks, Bolton Gregory and Mike Williamson. In the picture to the left we find Bolton Gregory who played the forward position.

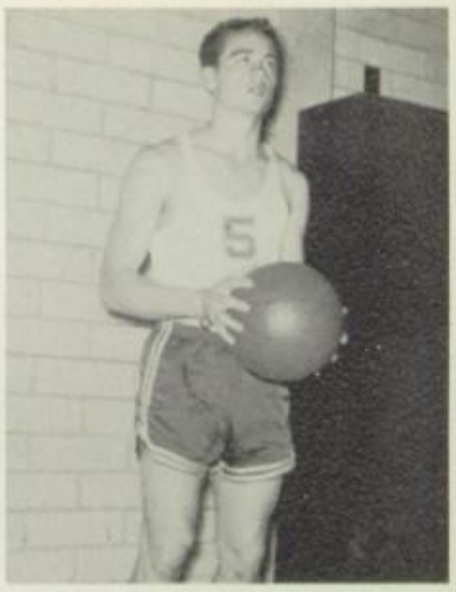
In the picture to the right we find Paul Whaley who played guard. Paul was one of the top scorers in the district.



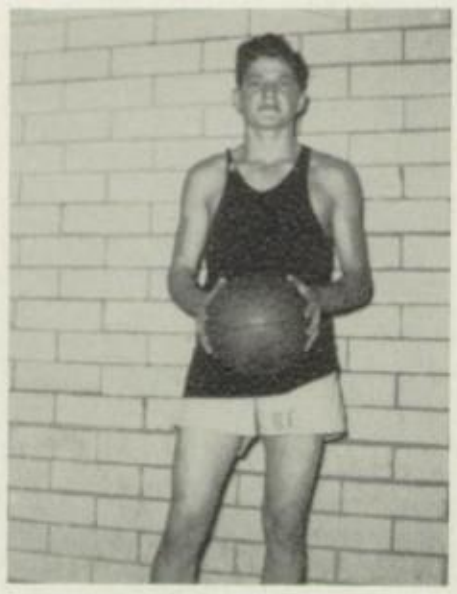
Boys' Basketball



ALTON HANSON



MAURICE ASHCRAFT



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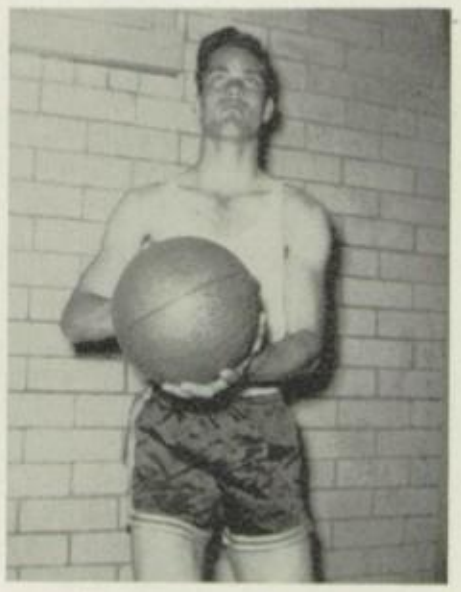

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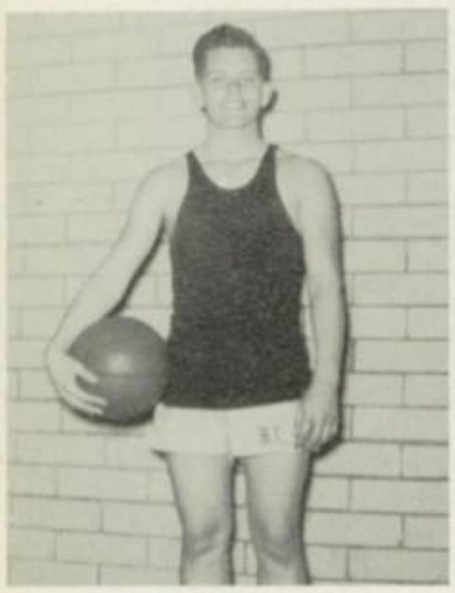


LARRY HUITT

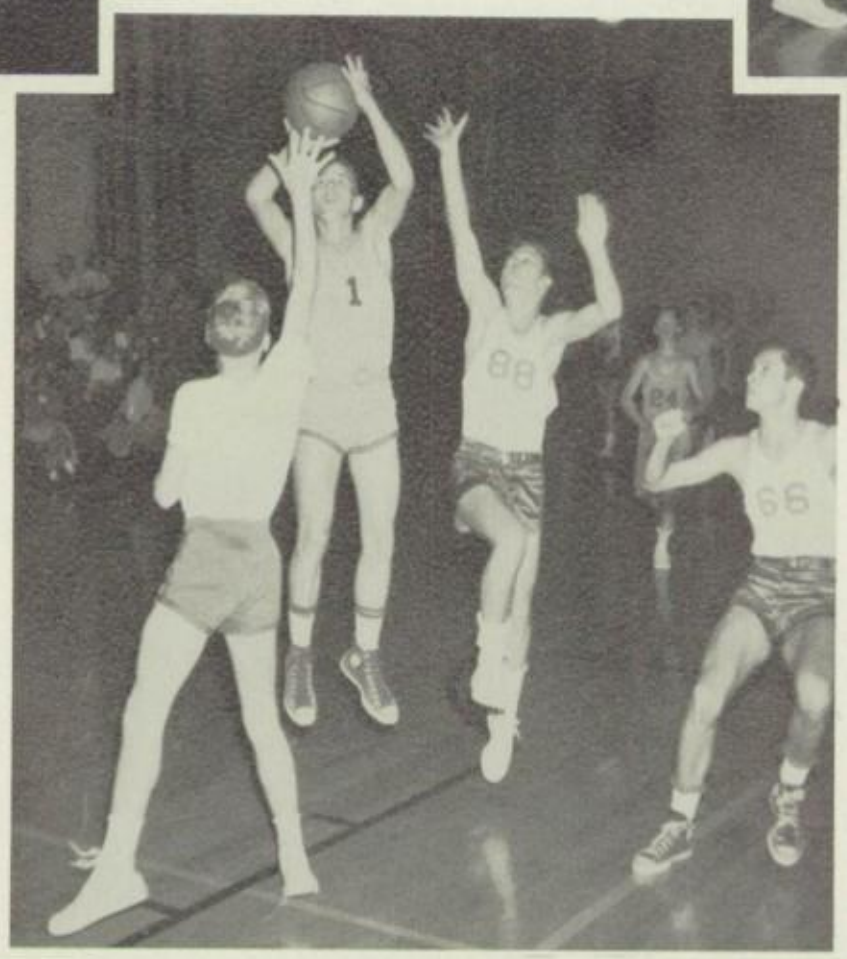
JIMMY WILLIAMS

BASKETBALL "B" Squad—Bottom row: David Kristynik, Taylor Steves, Roger Reedy, Billy Mack Huitt, Tommy Fields, Larry Shaver, Tommy Uher. Top row: Bernard Graham, G. P. Ottis, Jimmy Westmoreland, Alton Hanson, Donald Falks, Freddie Williams.

Basketball Action Shots

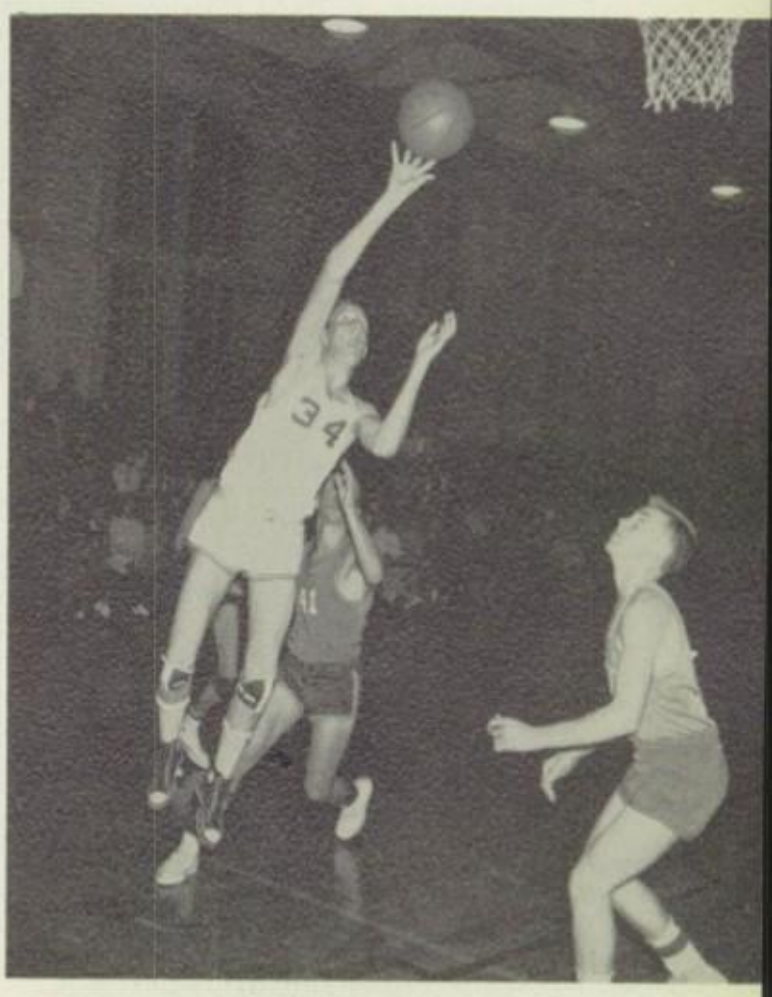
Maurice Ashcraft
sinking one

Bolton Gregory after
a rebound



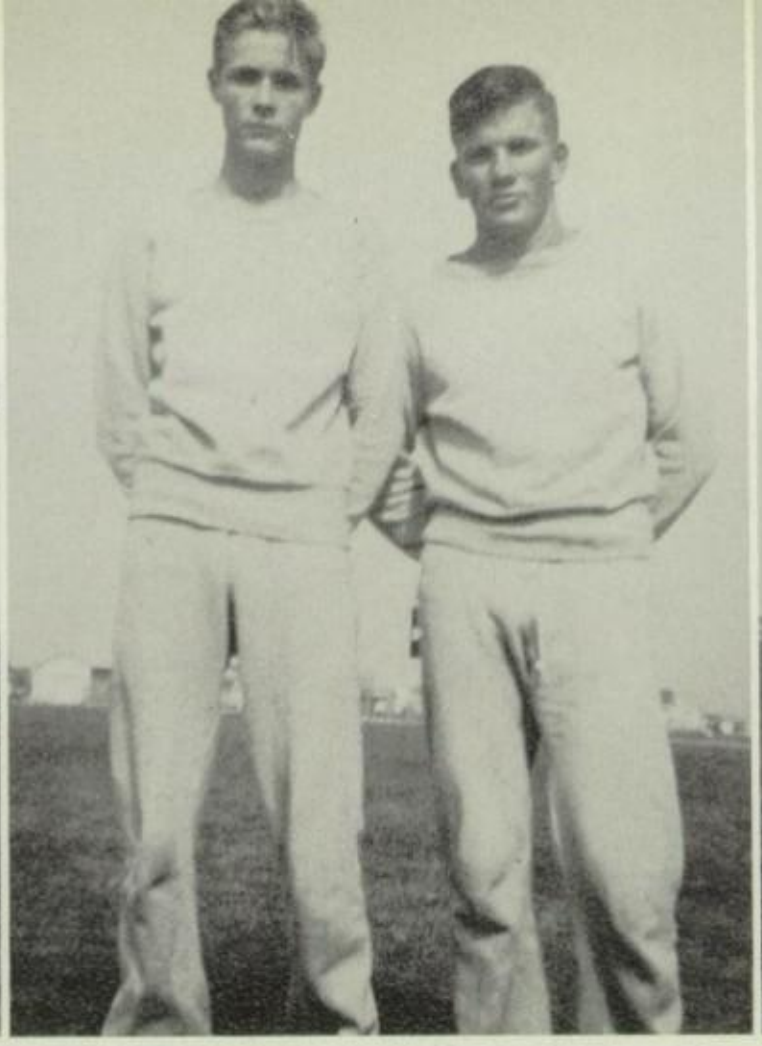
Billy Mack Huitt takes
to the air

Paul Whaley driving in
for a layup

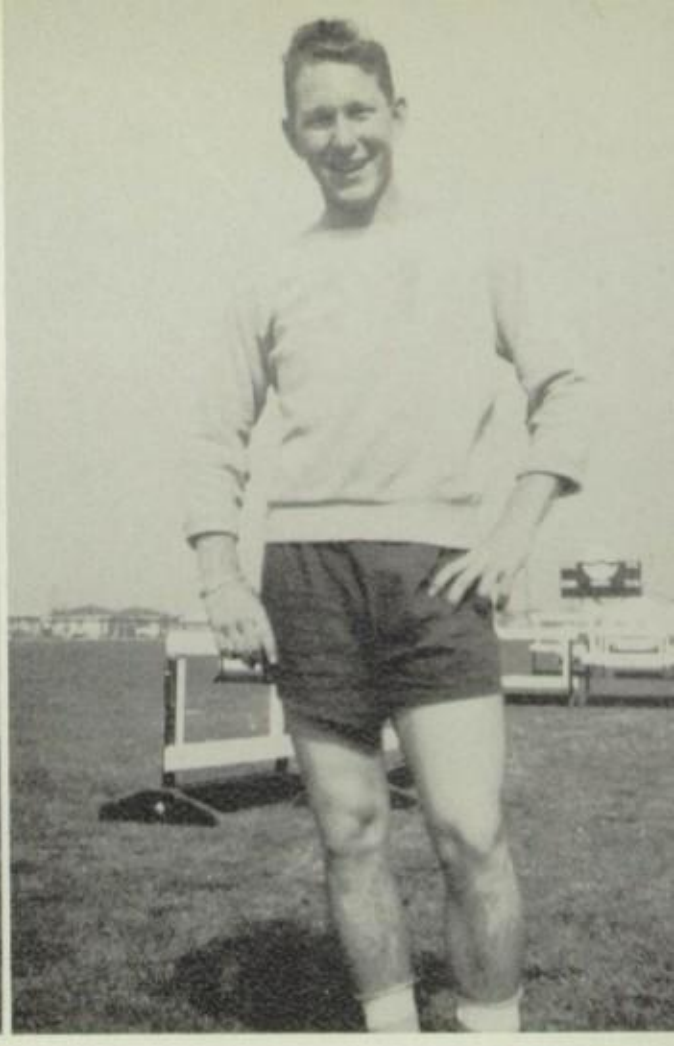


Jimmy Williams
dropping two

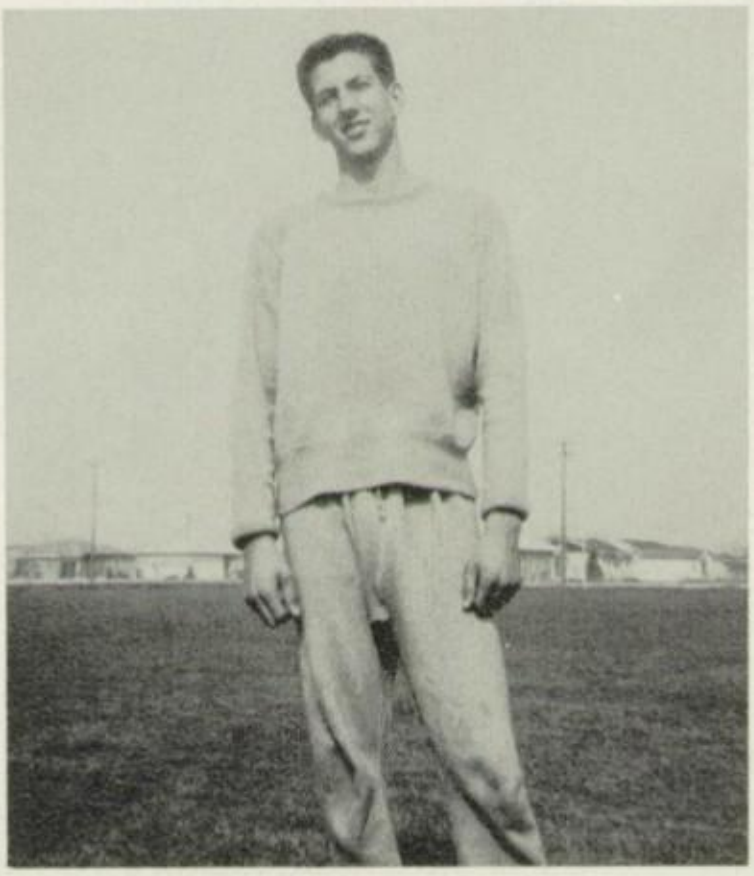
James Lee Shaw and Harper Augsburger are two of Bay City's top high jumpers.



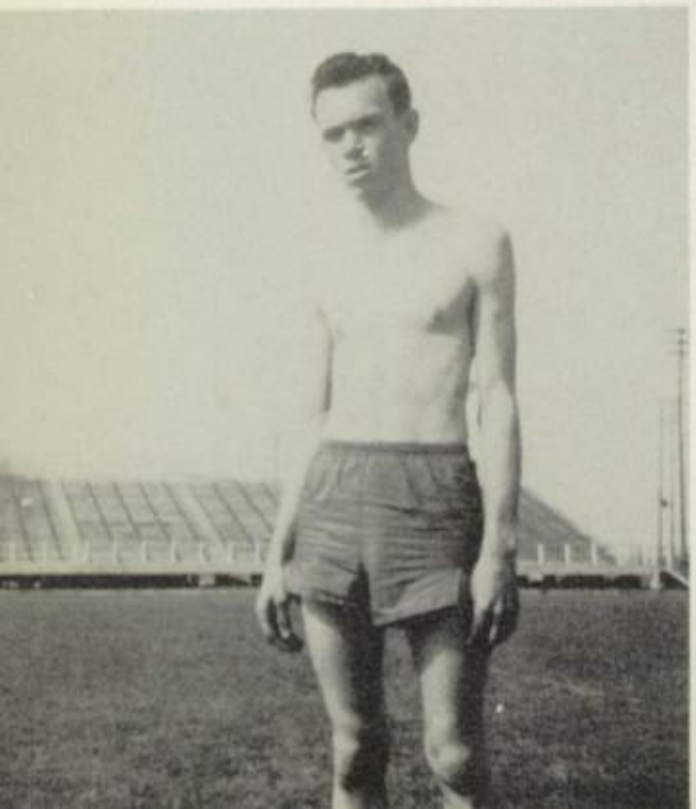
These speedy half-milers are Gus Richers and Randolph Ryman.



Charles Shoultz throws the shot for the Black Cats.

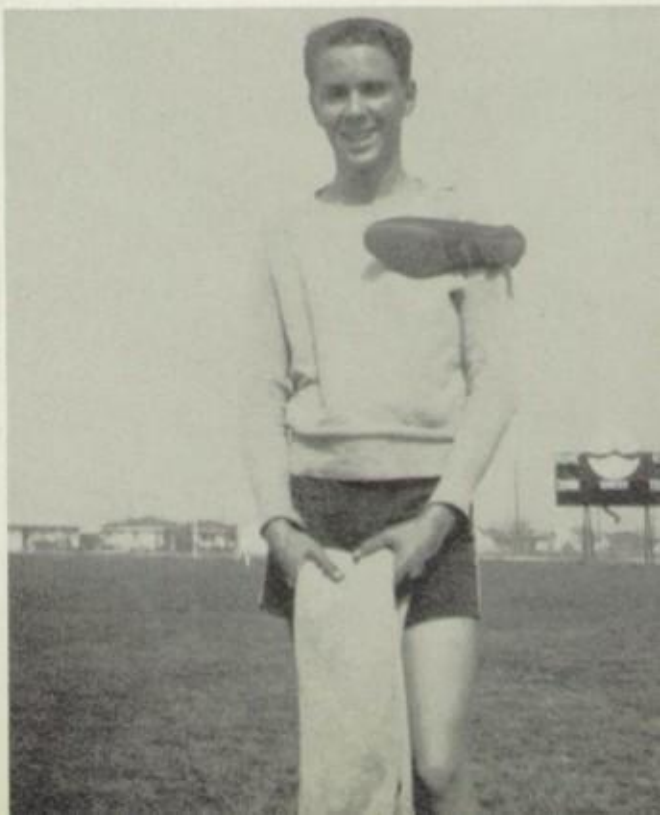


Right: Jimmy Westmoreland, a transfer from Lamar High in Houston, looks very promising for the Bay City team this season.



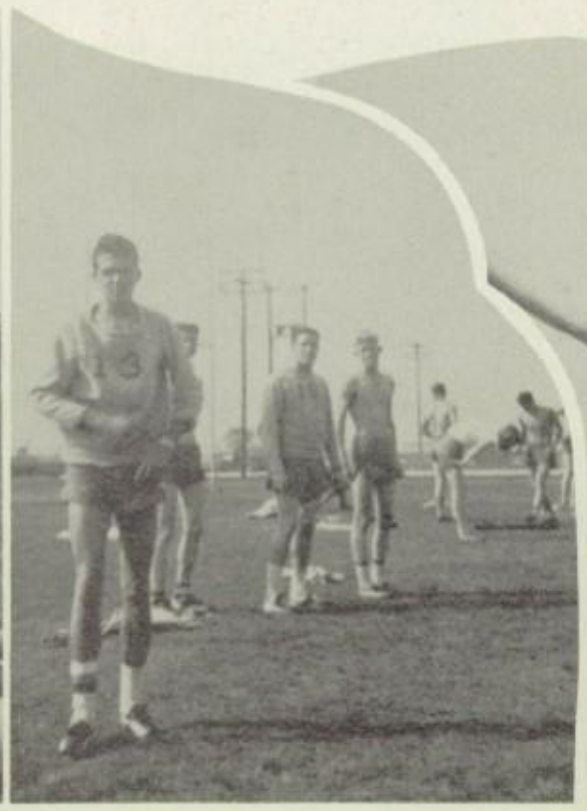
Left: Placing third in the meet in Angleton, James Stevens runs the mile for the Cats.

Right: Jack Stegall placed second in Angleton. He, too, is a miler.

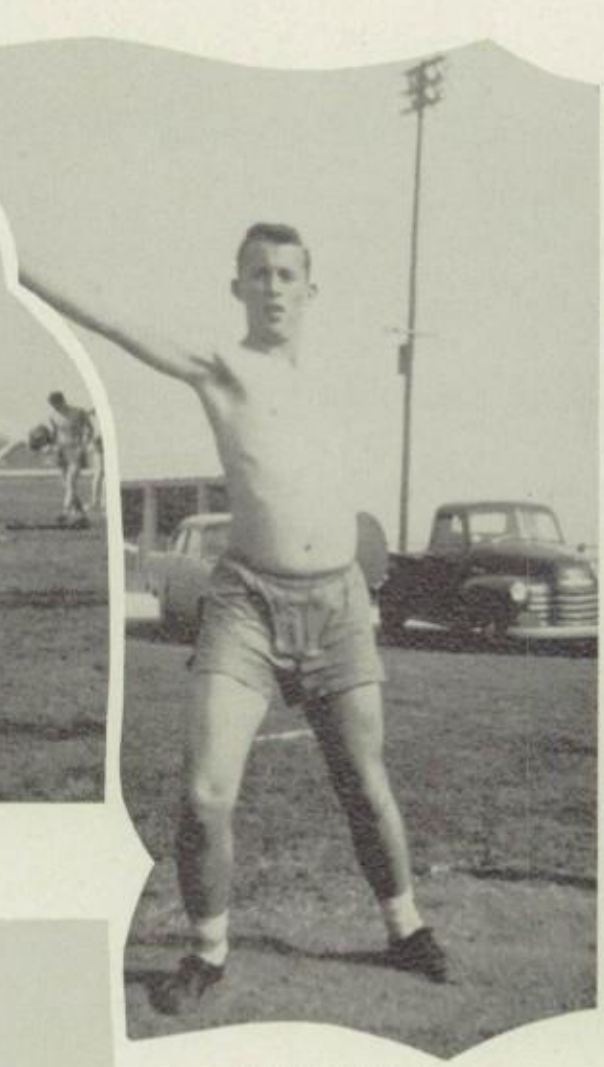


TRACK—Bottom row: Steves, Graham, Baker, Morrow, Acosta, Gomez, and Foot. Second row: Franks, Williams, Schultz, Stegall, Stevens, Richers, Richers, Williams, Acosta, Mann, Winters, and Genzer. Last row: Coach Rogers, Savage, Westmoreland, Argusburger, Shaw, Watkins, Barbour, Riggs, Kubina, Whaley, Coach Maglitto.

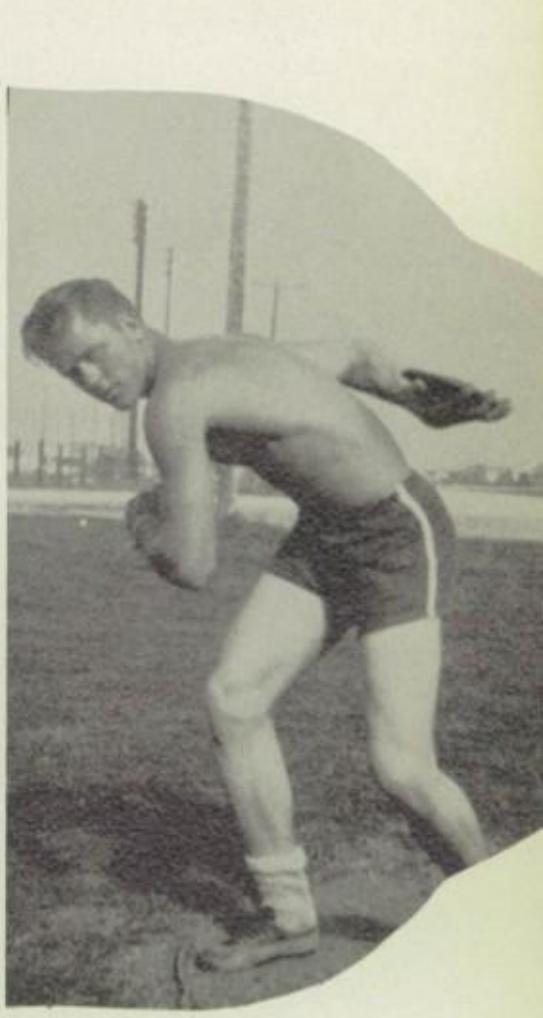
ANTHONY ACOSTA
FRANCES SAVAGE



On the field
IRVING SAVAGE



BILLY RIGGS



JOHNNY KUBINA

1954 Track Team

Sports Snaps

Preceding the first big football game, B.C.H.S. had a gigantic bonfire.

John gets his daily exercise by climbing the banks of the river.

We find Gary, Mary, Jimmy, Joyce, and Charles watching the Black Cat Relays.

Two girls at the Junior High pause from a game of baseball. They are Patsy McCrosky and Hope Taylor.

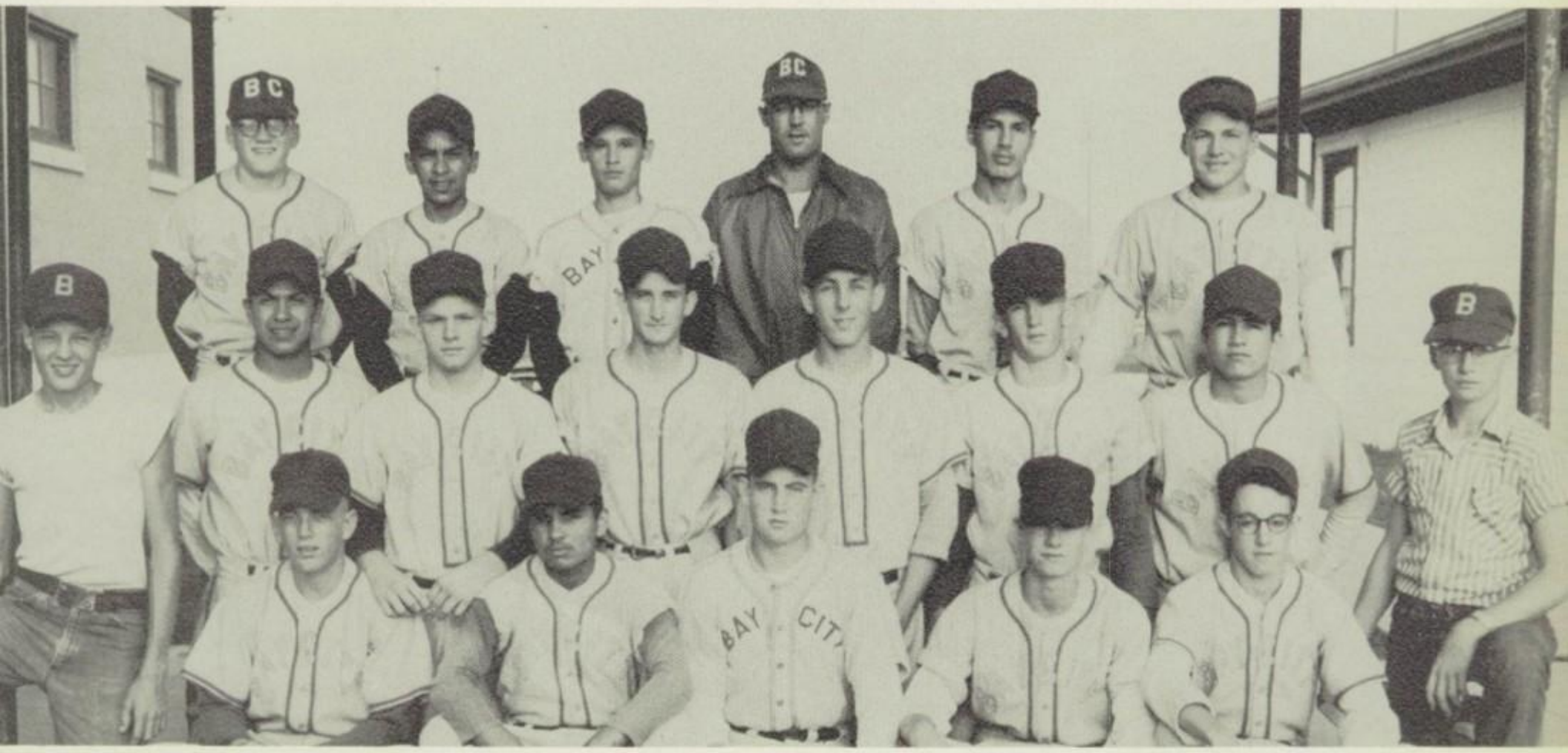
A game of boys' Volleyball at the Junior High is one of the most popular sports.

Baseball

POLLARD and UHER
Managers

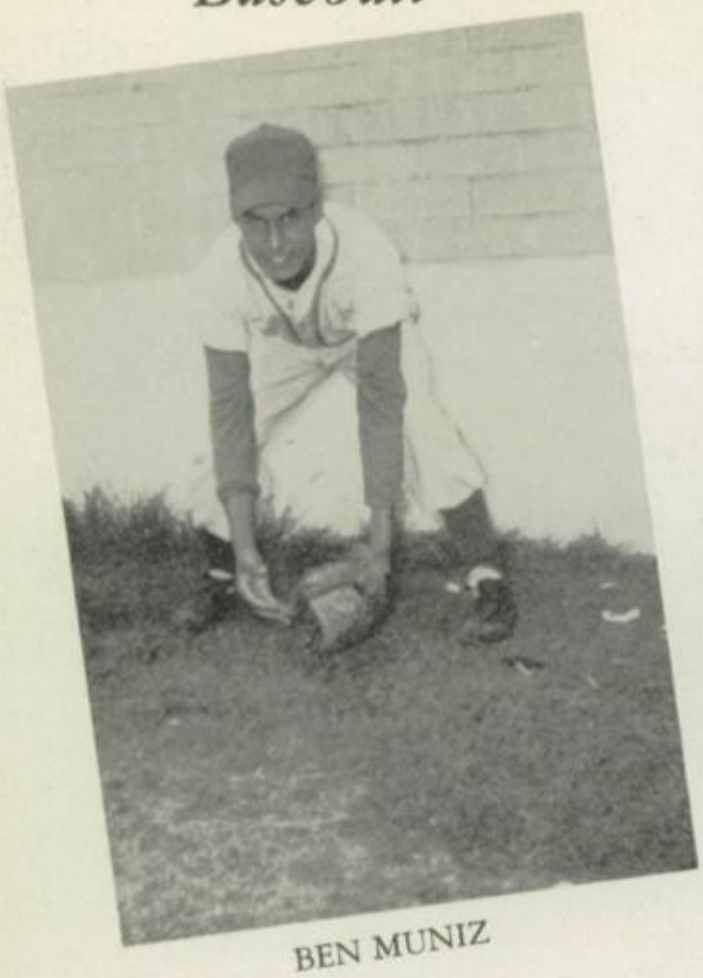
The following is a quotation taken from the Arrozal, the school annual of 1924. "The wisest move made by the school board this year was the selection of E. G. Horgar as athletic coach after the resignation of Mr. Luther."

MIKE WILLIAMSON



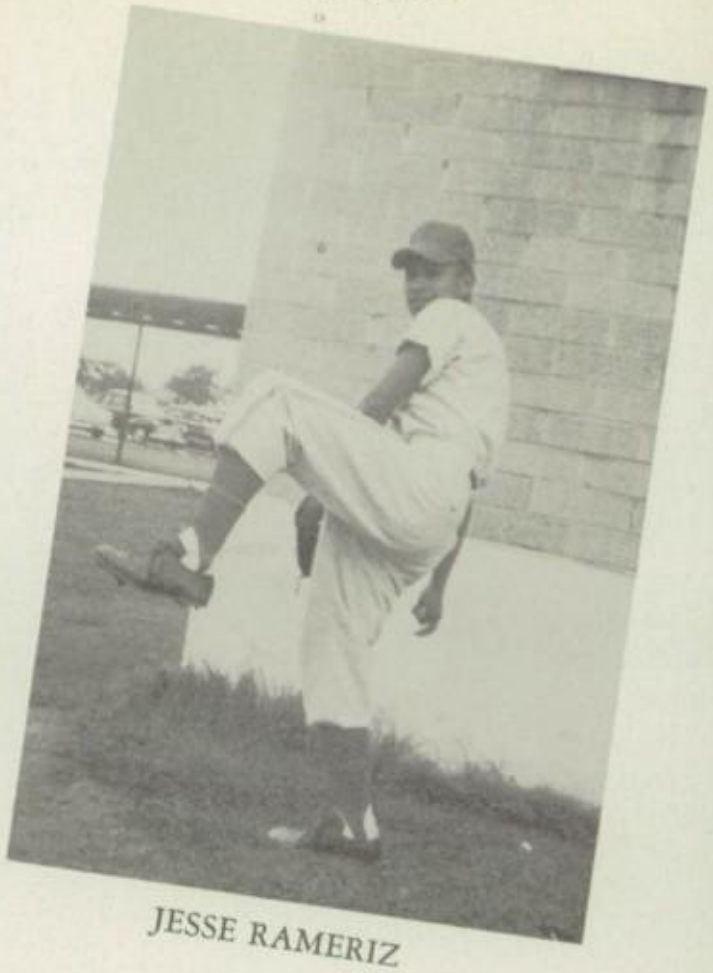
THE TEAM—First row, left to right: Estlinbaum, Zepeda, Knost, Shaver, Sonnier. Second row: Pollard, Rameriz, Huitt, Edwards, Williamson, Williams, Gonzalez, Uher. Back row: Patton, Mendiola, Garcia, Coach Haley, Muniz, Kristynik.

Baseball Team



BEN MUNIZ

JIMMY WILLIAMS

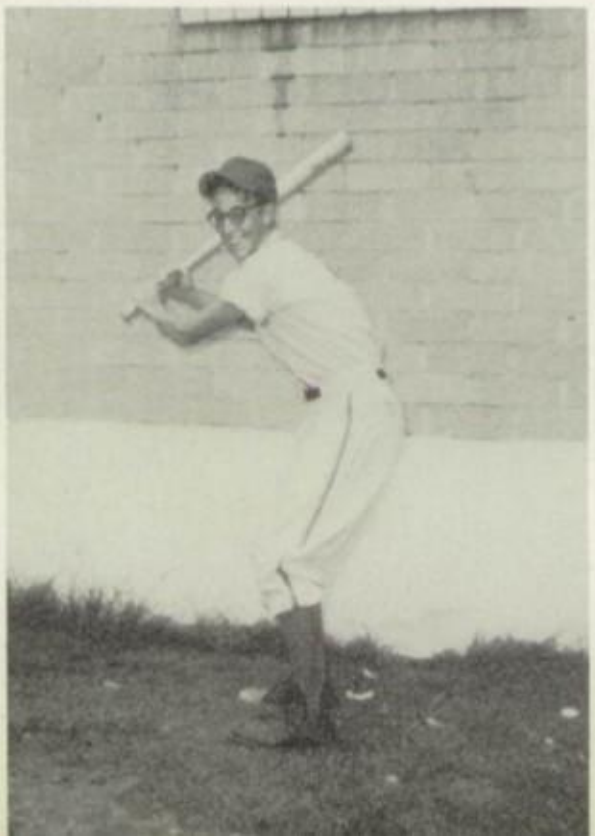


JESSE RAMERIZ

TOMMY BENEVIDES

DAVID KRISTYNIK

JOHN ESTLINBAUM



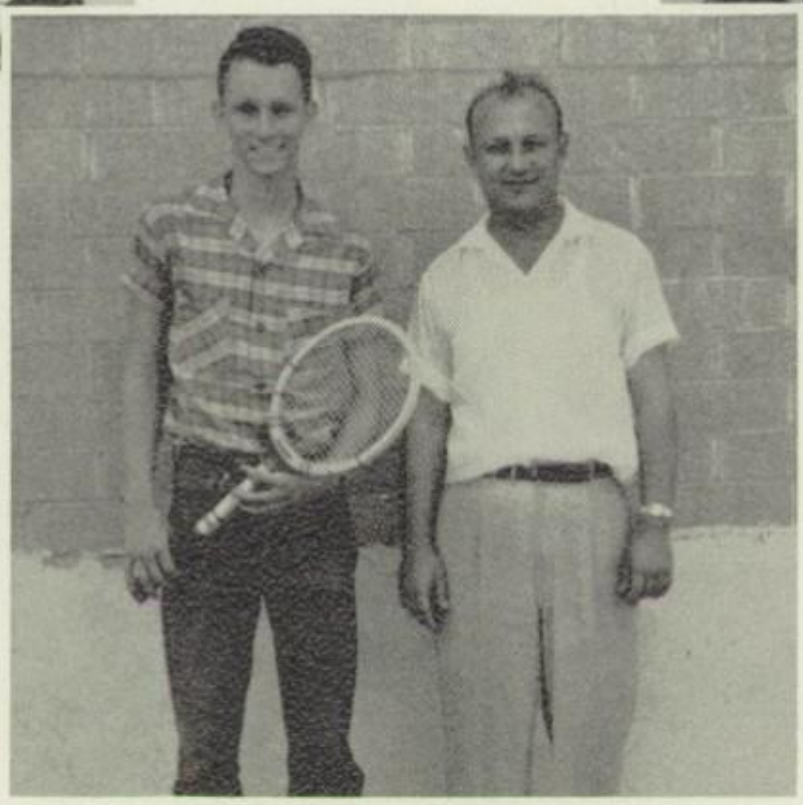
JIMMY SONNIER

NEIL EDWARDS

Tennis

GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM—Back row, left to right: Cox, Schultz, Blackman. Front row: Douget, Moorehead.

BOYS' TENNIS TEAM—Back row, left to right: McCullough, Robertson, Huitt, B. M.; Huitt, E. M. Rother, Perry. Front row: Henderson, L, Mohon, Ottis, M.; Greenwalt.



E. M. HUITT
Tennis Captain

E. D. MARLING
Tennis Coach

Golf

The Golf Team is composed of:

Left:
DAVID STEWART
Right:
MIKE FRICKE

Left:
GARLAND WATSON
Right:
DICK DYE

Girls' Basketball

RUTHIE
FIKES

JUNE
RAGUS

DORIS
CAIN

MARTHA
QUINNEY

SAMMIE
GARRISON

HAZEL
JONES
Coach

June Ragus, far right, and Martha Mae Quinney watch as Ruthie Fikes attempts to raise the score in the West Columbia game.

CAROL
DYE
Assistant
Manager

JEAN
MADEN
Manager

SHIRLEY
DARBY

MICKEY
ELKINS

HELEN
SELLERS

SHIRLEY
GARRISON

GEORGIAN
DORNAK

Left: Guard, Sammie Garrison, is shown working her way around an El Campo forward in order to get the ball to our forwards who are shown in the background. Mickey Elkins is keeping a good lookout on her forward.

Right: Martha Mae Quinney, one of Bay City's forwards, is shown here shooting for a basket in the West Columbia game. Rushing in back of her are two of the West Columbia guards.

"B" Team

Left to right, first row: Karen Sheldon, Virginia Boring, and Glenda Wix. Second row: Elizabeth Calloway, Jeanette Holloway, Shelby Williamson, Kathleen Birkner, and Doris Ragus. Third row: Laura Marcaurle, Grace Cain, and Josephine Orsag.

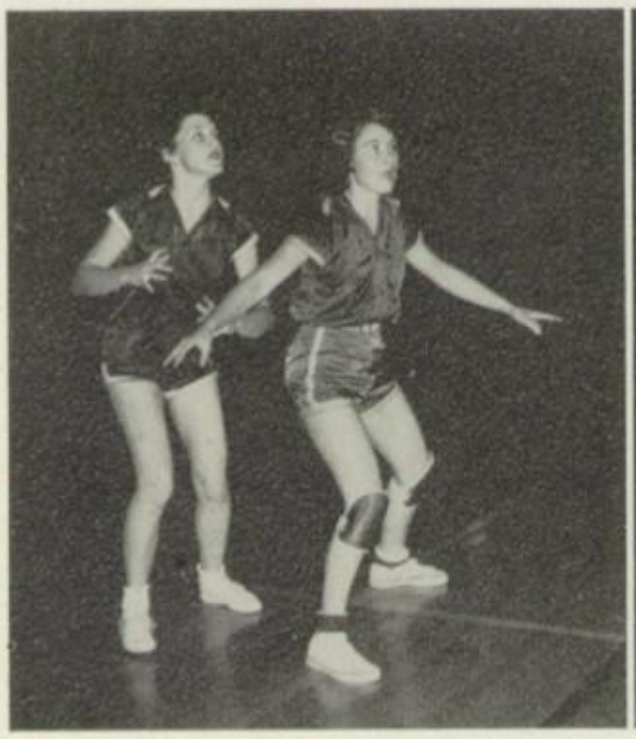
Left: Sammie Garrison is attempting to block a shot made by a Wharton forward. Helen Sellers, shown second from left, is watching the goal for a rebound.

Right: "B" team guard, Grace Cain, is dealing the forward from West Columbia trouble because she is not being able to pass the ball to another player very easily.

June Ragus, Blackcat forward, sinks another basket as the Cats beat W.C.

Doris Cain is ready for the rebound against the El Campo Ricebirds.

Carol Cochran drops in two points for the Blackcat "B" against West Columbia.



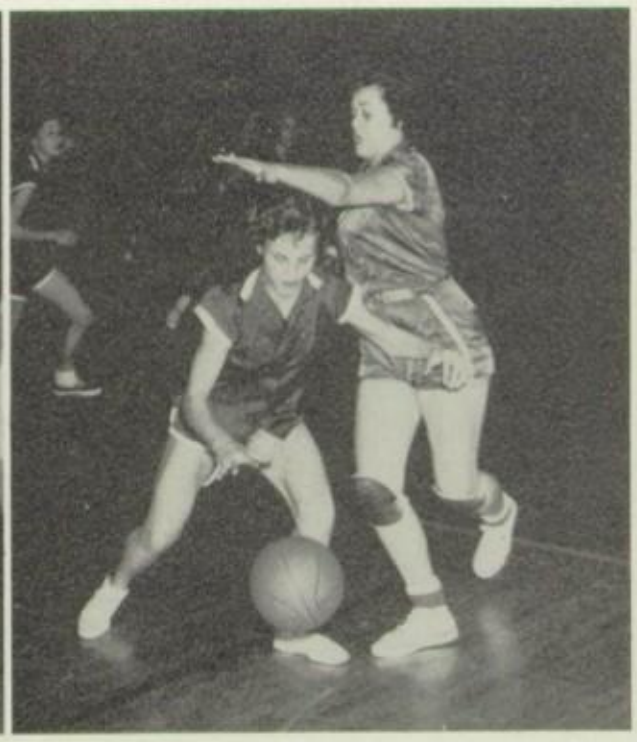
Helen Sellers is set for action as she closely guards an El Campo forward.

Laura Marcaurele, Shelby Williamson are shown making a dash for the ball against El Campo.

Charlotte Lukefahr goes high in an attempt to block a shot.

Kathleen Birkner seen in action closely guarding a Wharton "B" team forward.

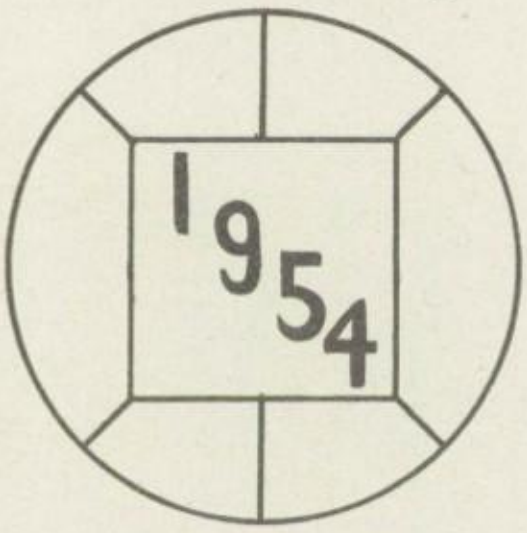
Elizabeth Callaway drops in two points as the Blackcats lose to W.C.



Shirley Garrison guards an El Campo forward too closely.

"B" Team Volleyball

"LIBBY" GLENN



DORIS CAIN

SHIRLEY GARRISON

JUNE RAGUS

RUTHIE FIKES

VIRGINIA BORING

MYRNA SMITH

MARTHA QUINNEY

"A" and "B" Team Scores of District Games

B.C. 15	El Campo 10
B.C. 15	El Campo 6
B.C. 15	W. Col. 6
B.C. 15	W. Col. 1
B.C. 15	Boling 9
B.C. 15	Boling 8
B.C. 1	Lamar 15
B.C. 11	Lamar 15
B.C. 15	El Campo 9
B.C. 15	El Campo 10
B.C. 7	Wharton 15
B.C. 8	Wharton 15
B.C. 15	W. Col. 10
B.C. 15	W. Col. 1
B.C. 7	Wharton 15
B.C. 8	Wharton 15

B.C. 9	El Campo 15
B.C. 11	El Campo 15
B.C. 16	W. Col. 14
B.C. 12	W. Col. 15
B.C. 8	W. Col. 15
B.C. 16	Boling 14
B.C. 15	Boling 7
B.C. 1	Lamar 15
B.C. 11	Lamar 15
B.C. 8	El Campo 15
B.C. 4	El Campo 15
B.C. 14	Wharton 16
B.C. 12	Wharton 15
B.C. 15	W. Col. 12
B.C. 15	W. Col. 13
B.C. 15	Boling 5
B.C. 15	Boling 5

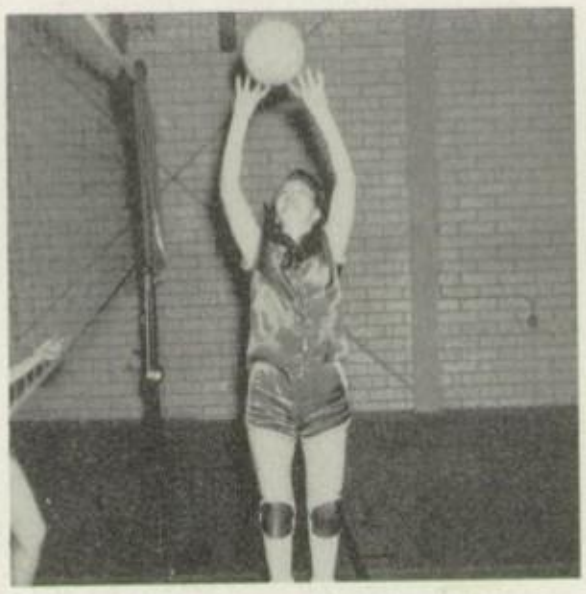
Volleyball Action Shots

SHIRLEY GARRISON goes high to block a Lamar spike.

DORIS CAIN jumps high in an effort to set the ball up.

MARTHA MAE QUINNEY jumps high to spike the ball.

LIBBY GLENN is shown setting up the ball to her spiker, Shirley G.



GRACE CAIN gives her spiker a nice high set-up.

CAROLYN SUE COCHRAN drops a nice one over the net for a good point.

MARY ROBERTSON knocks the ball back over the net.

VIRGINIA BORING drops a nice one after receiving a good set-up from Mary R., not shown.

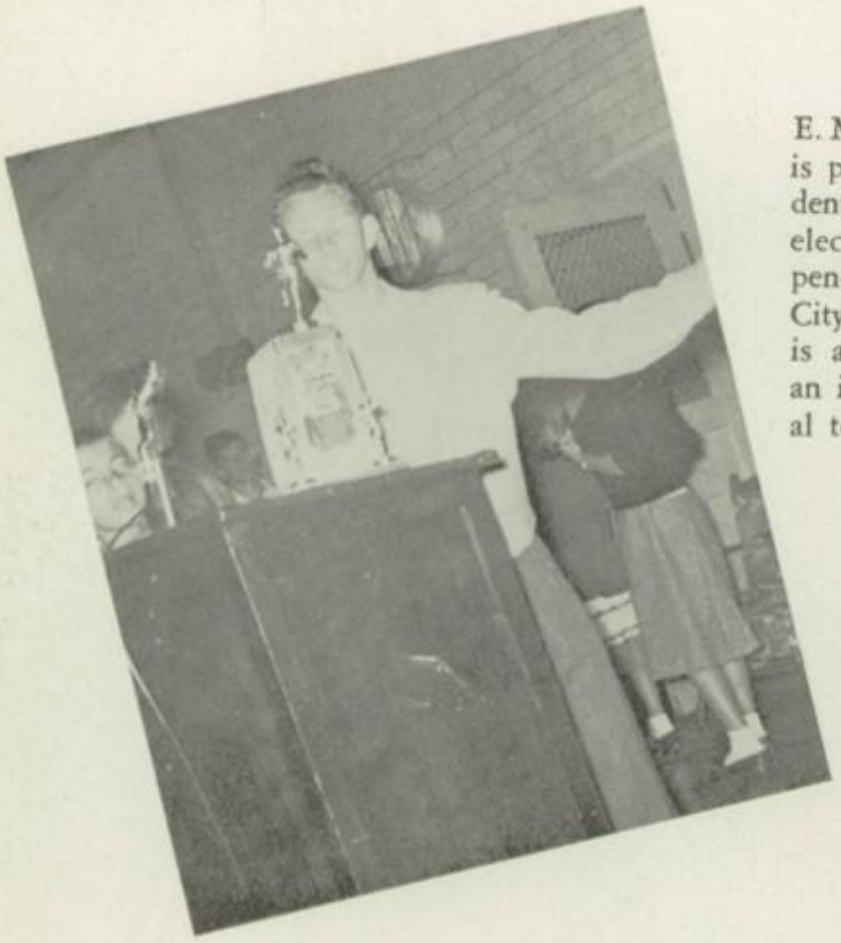
JUNE RAGUS slams a hard spike down against the Wharton Tigers.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Mayor Gusman congratulates Student Mayor E. M. Huitt, President of the Bay City High School Student Council.

Outstanding Students

Who's Who



E. M. HUITT, a Senior, is president of the student council and was elected the most dependable boy in Bay City High School. He is a good speaker and an interesting individual to have around.

Editor CLAIRE LYLE of the Blackcat annual is a Senior and was elected the most popular girl in Bay City High School. Everyone will remember Claire not because of her outstanding student activities but by her cheerful smile and sunny disposition.

E. M. HUITT
CLAIRE LYLE
CLARENCE GENZER
ANN BURR

CLARENCE GENZER, the boy we see walking Miss Nancy Powell to class, is another popular young man around town. He is a Junior and served his Sophomore year as president of that class. He is a fine football star and a member of the student council.

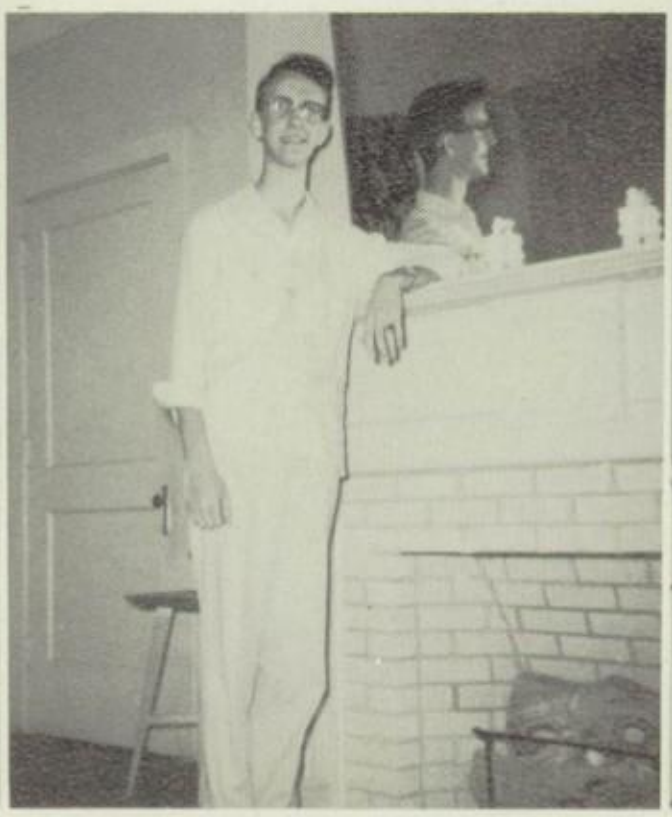
Another popular young lady is ANN BURR. We see her every afternoon picking up absentee slips for the principal's office. Ann is also a member of the student council.

Who's Who

The young lady we see conducting the band at assembly is none other than MARY JANE BORING. Mary Jane is a Senior and is our own majorette.

BRYAN "LITTLE DOC" SIMONS is a Junior and was elected a favorite of that class. He has also made a name for himself on the football field.

PEGGY FANSON is Program Chairman of the FLC and is also a very active member of UYCM.



A popular member of the high school band BROOKS LISTON. Brooks is a Sophomore and plays the organ at the Methodist Church.

BARBARA SLONE is another Sophomore and also another popular member of the band. Barbara is also a member of the Student Council.

JOHN REINKE is the Assistant Editor of the Annual and is the president of the Junior Class. He is also a member of the band.

"LIBBY" GLENN as she is known to her friends and teachers is a popular member of the Senior Class and a good secretary in the Principal's Office.

Who's Who

MARY JANE BORING
BRYAN SIMONS
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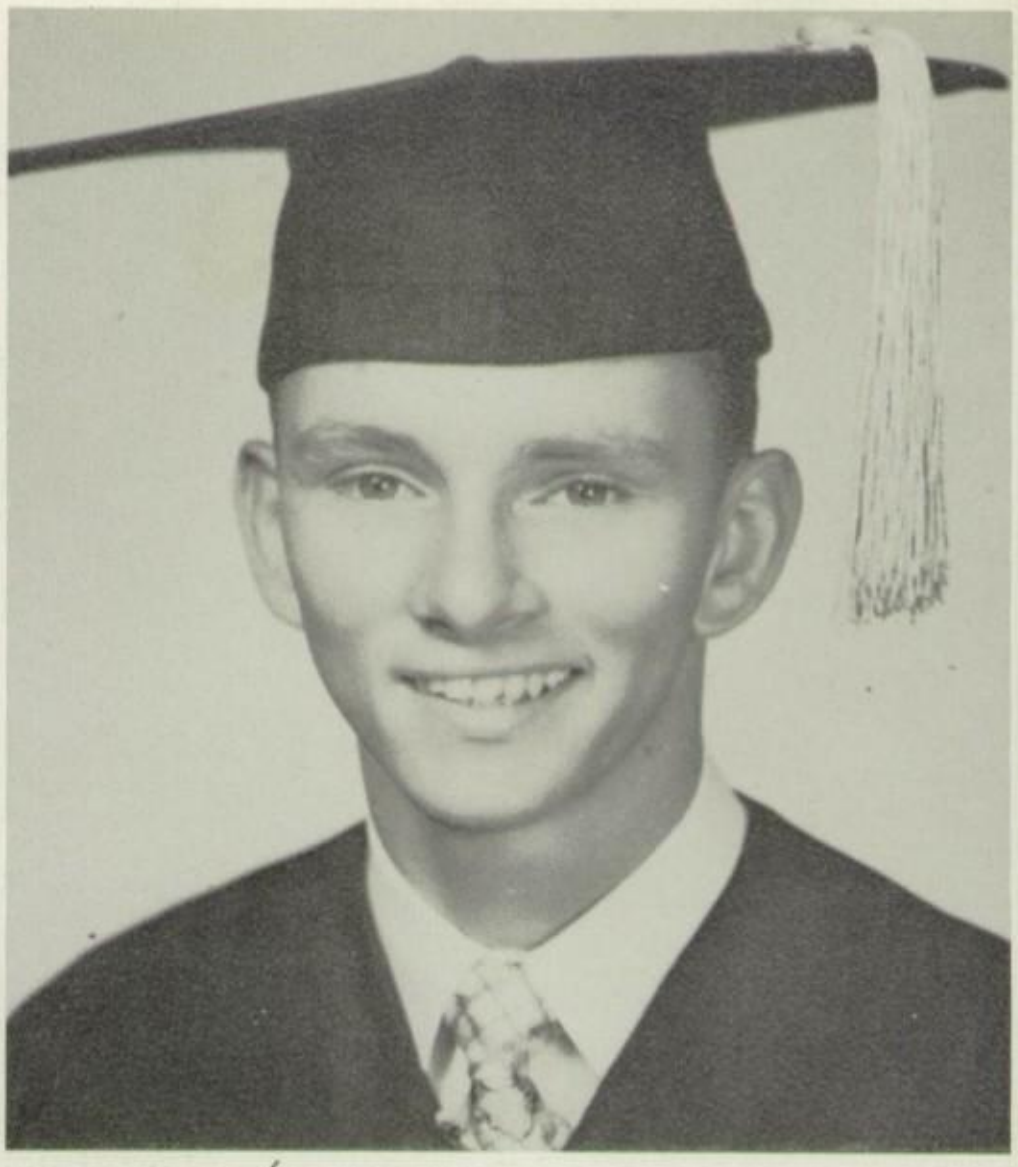
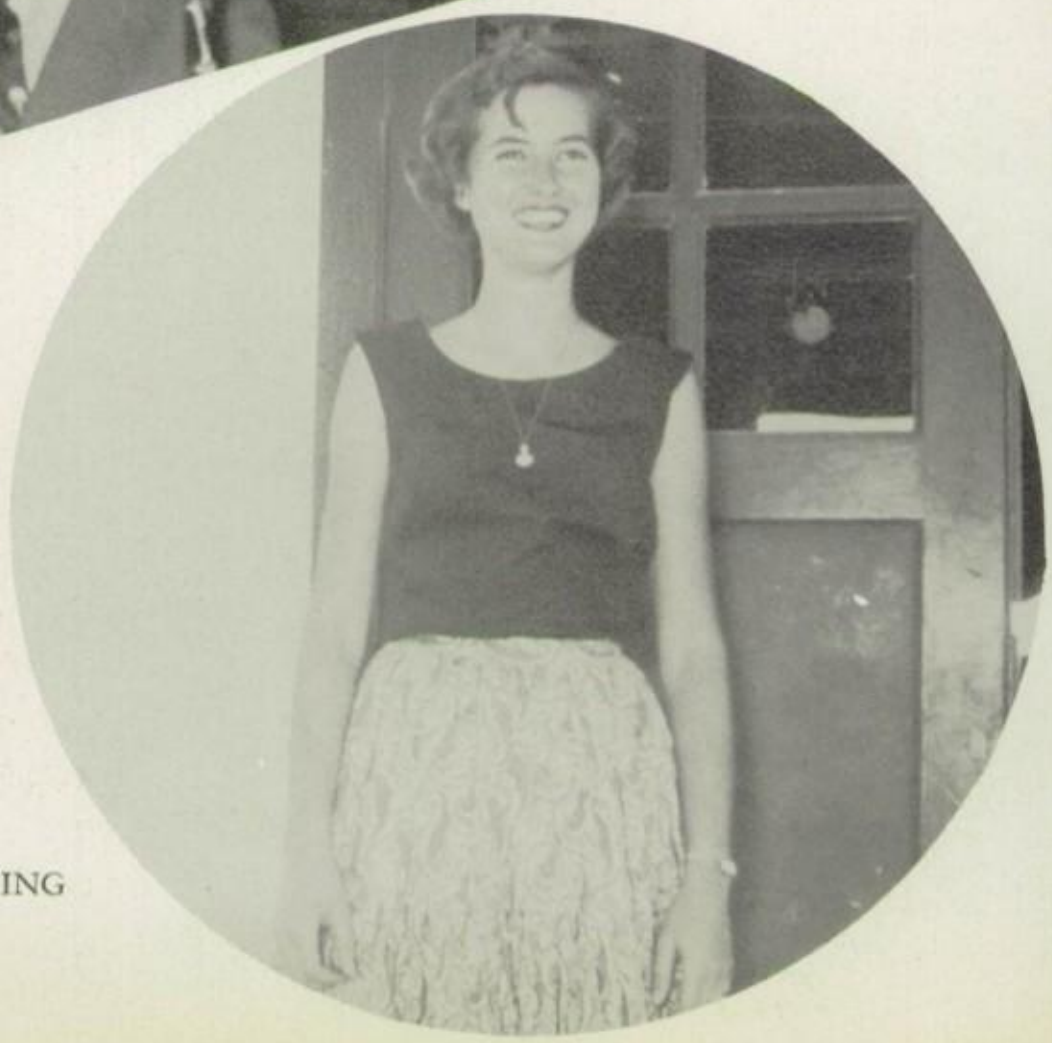
JOHN REINKE
LIBBY GLENN

American Legion Awards



MISS CLAIRE LYLE
and
MR. E. M. HUITT

Mr. Tillman, board member, presents The Electrical Award to Johnnie Kubina at the F.F.A. Annual Father and Son Banquet.

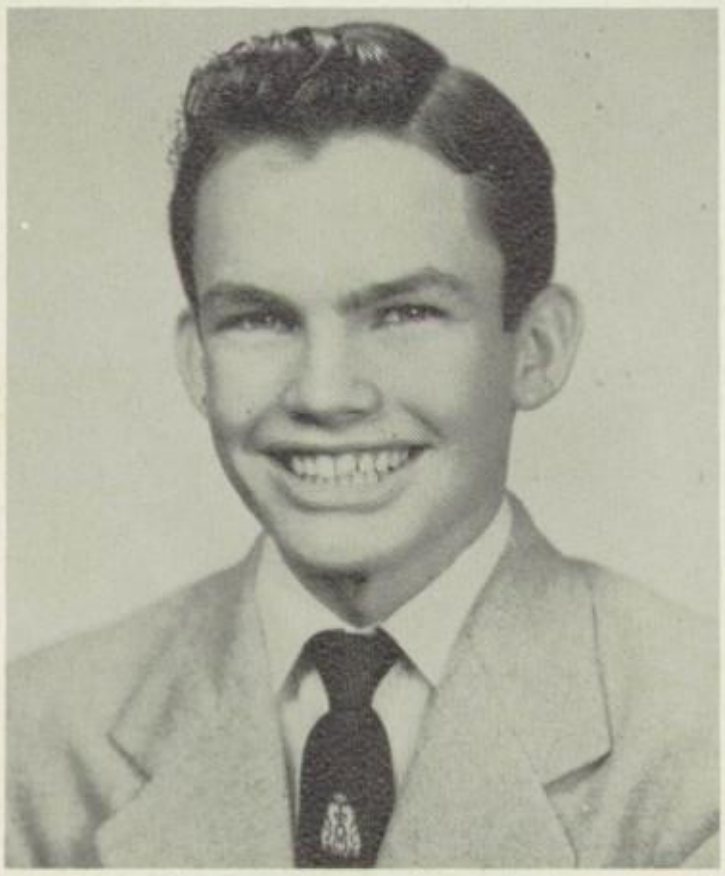


MARY JANE BORING
D.A.R. Award

CHARLSIE CONERLY
Alternate All-State Chorus

SHIRLEY HALL
All-State Chorus

Outstanding Students



WORTHAM SMITH
Commercial Award

PEGGY DIERLAM
Outstanding Choir Student

GLENDA JORDAN
Representative to Girls' State

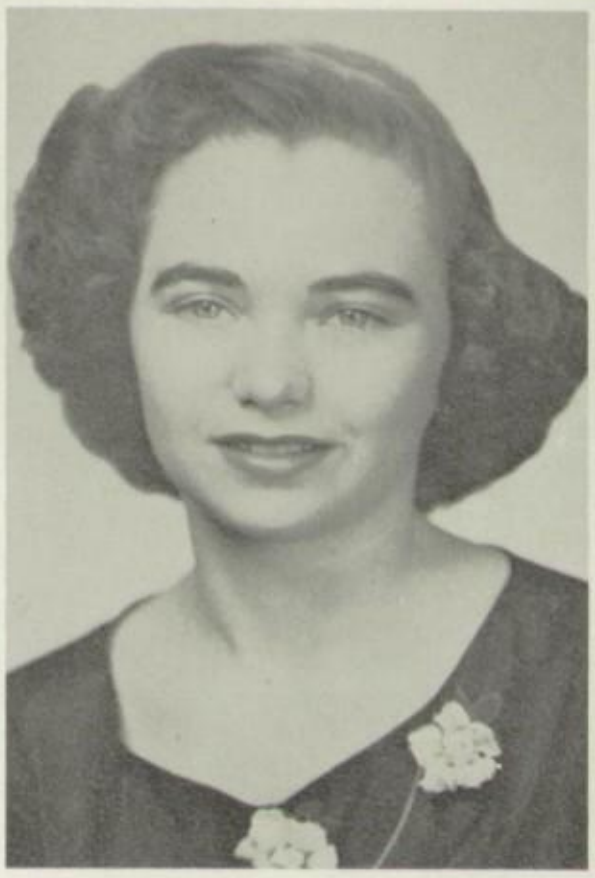
National Latin Honor Society

JANET BAKER

JANIS BAKER

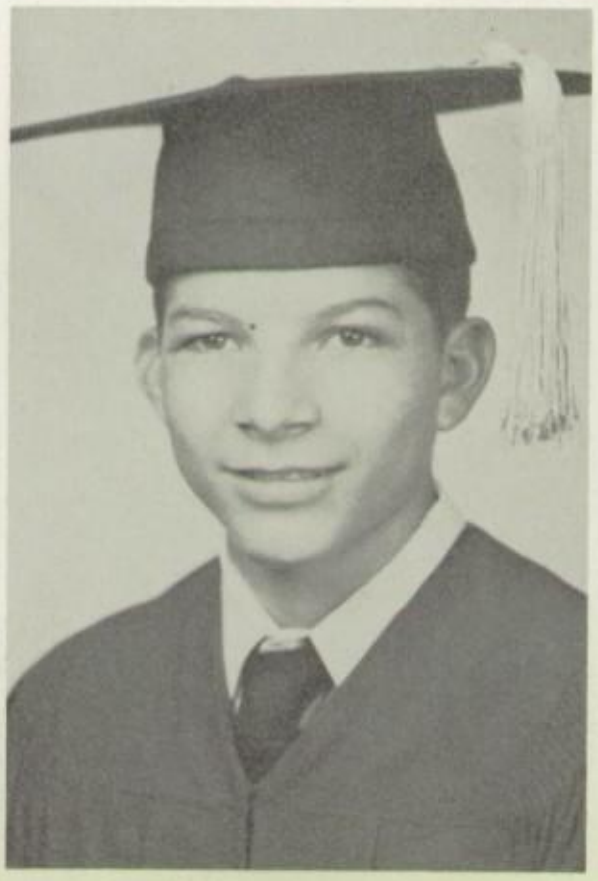
WILLA DEAN CHAPMAN

LE ROY HEARN



ANNE THORNTON

MARCIA VOYLES



JOE JOHN YBARRA

Awards for 1954

F.F.A. and
Boys' State

The boys pictured above won the annual awards given by the F.F.A. Chapter. Seated from left to right: McCrosky, Elkins, Uher, Baca, Townsend, Kubina, Gash. Standing: McCullough, Buddy and Billy Doss, Findley and Odis.

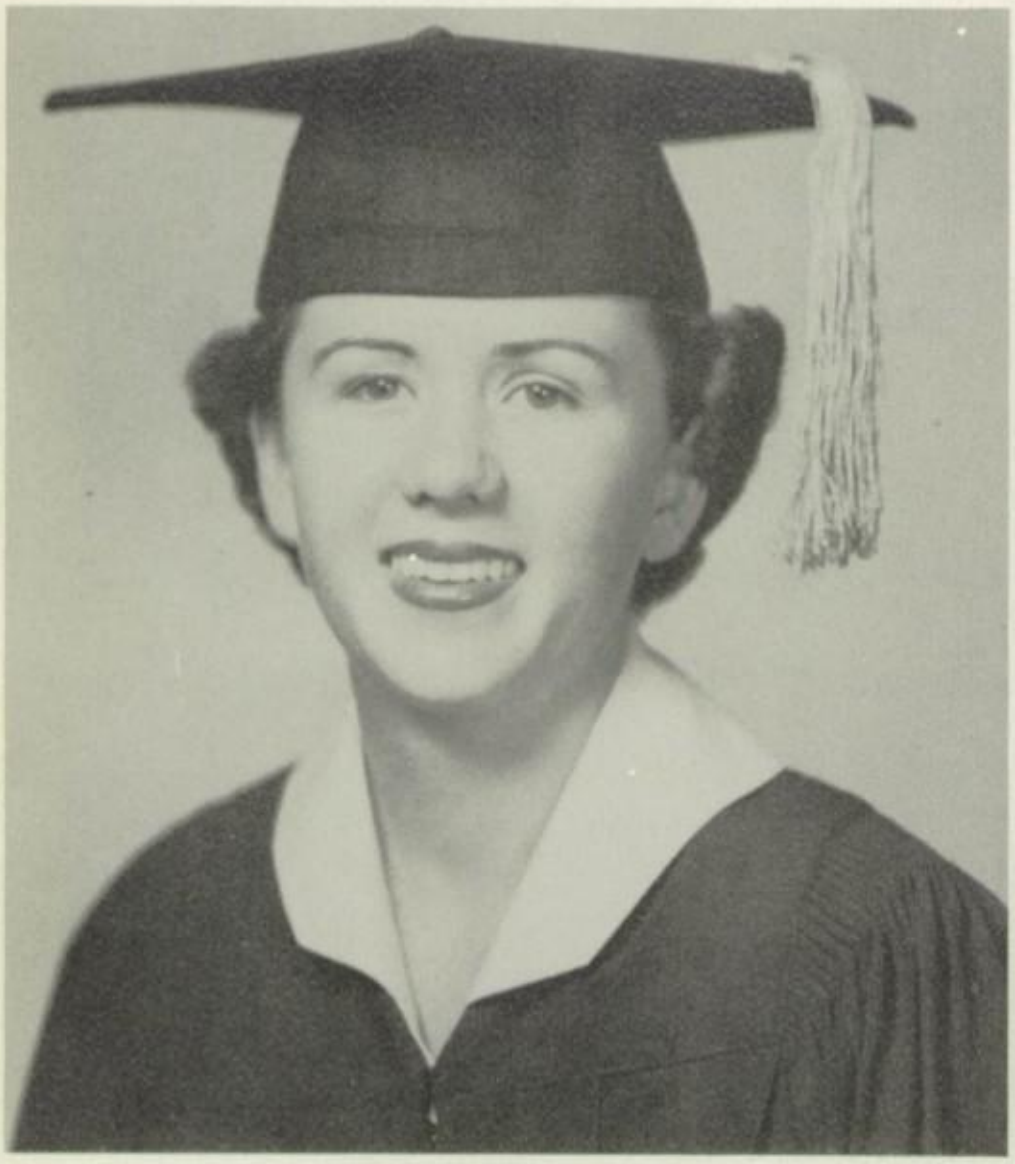
BOBBY CANTRELL
Representative to
United Nations

JOHN REINKE
Boys' State

LINDSEY LANGHAM
Boys' State

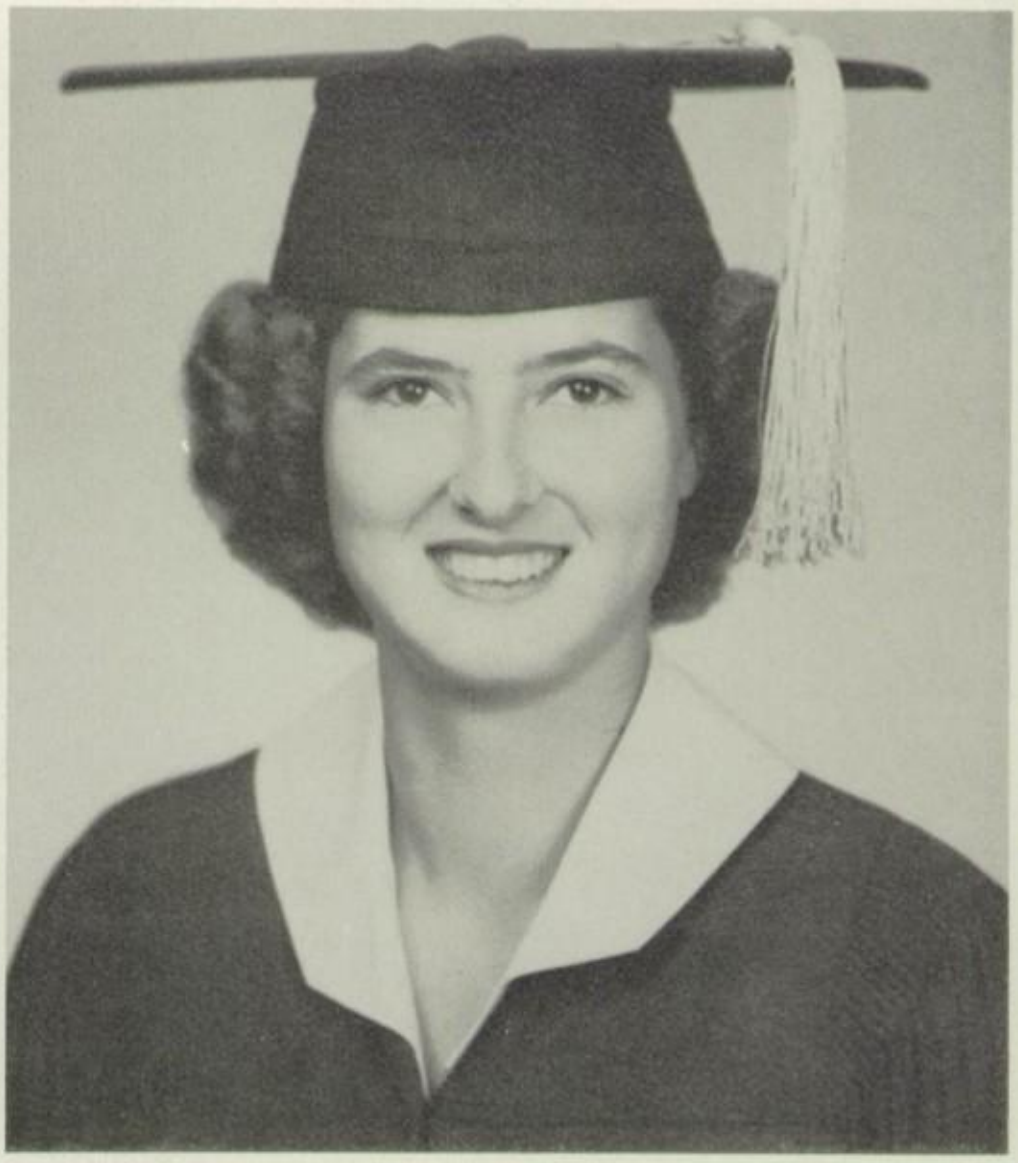
CLARENCE GENZER
Boys' State

Valedictorian



ANN BURR

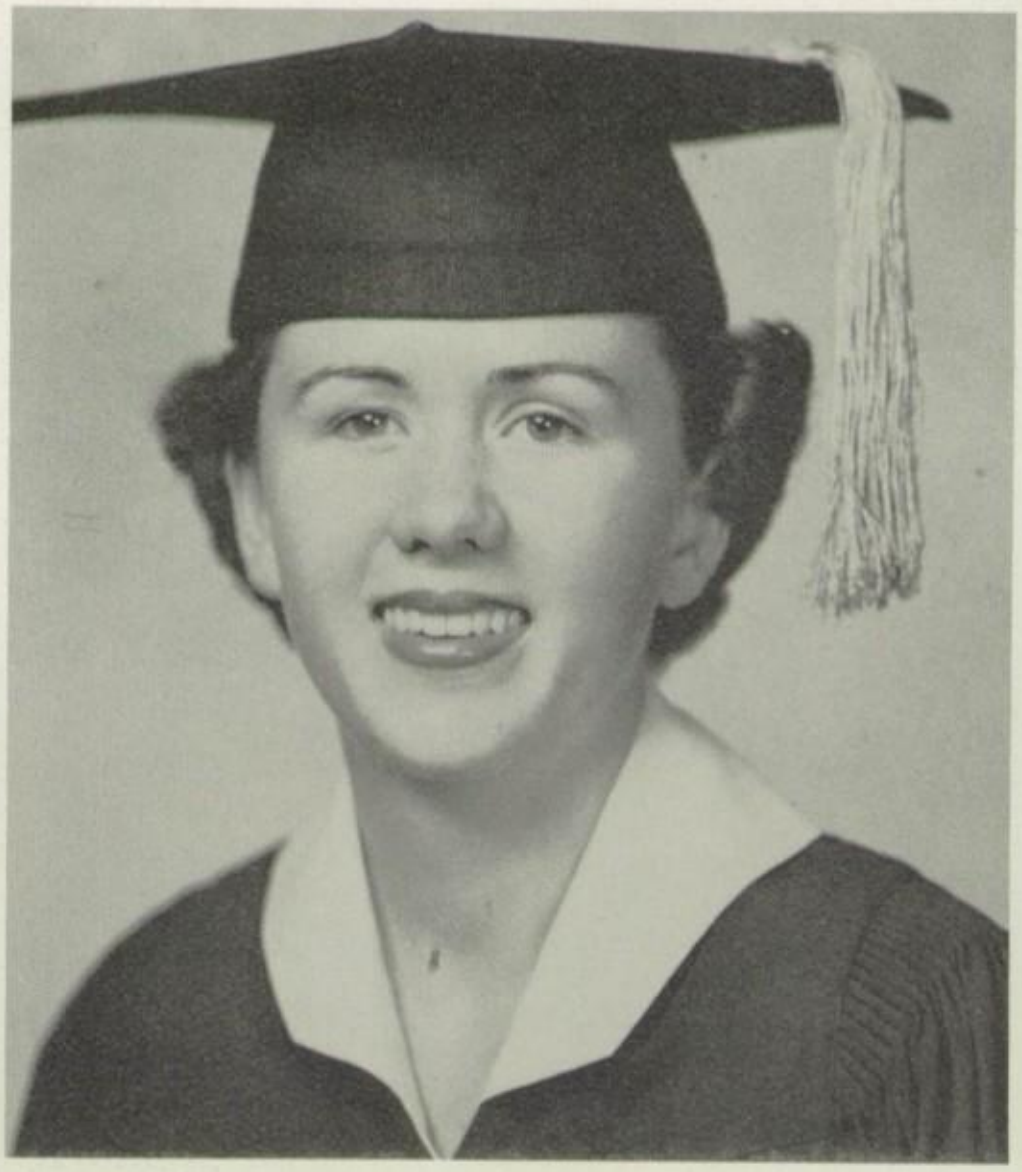
Salutatorian



MARY JANE BORING

National Honor Society

MARILYN NEUMAN



ANN BURR

Outstanding Future Black Cats

First row, left to right: Daryl Dee Marling, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Marling; Donna Karen Sowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sowell; Joel and Georgia Graeter, children of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Graeter; Paula Sue Barron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Barron. Second row: James Donald Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers; Debra Lynn Gregory and Pamela Sue Gregory, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gregory; Joe Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers. At left: Connie Sue Howze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howze. At right: Becky Spielman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Spielman. Below: Sandra Gail McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance McDonald.

The Churches of Our Town

METHODIST
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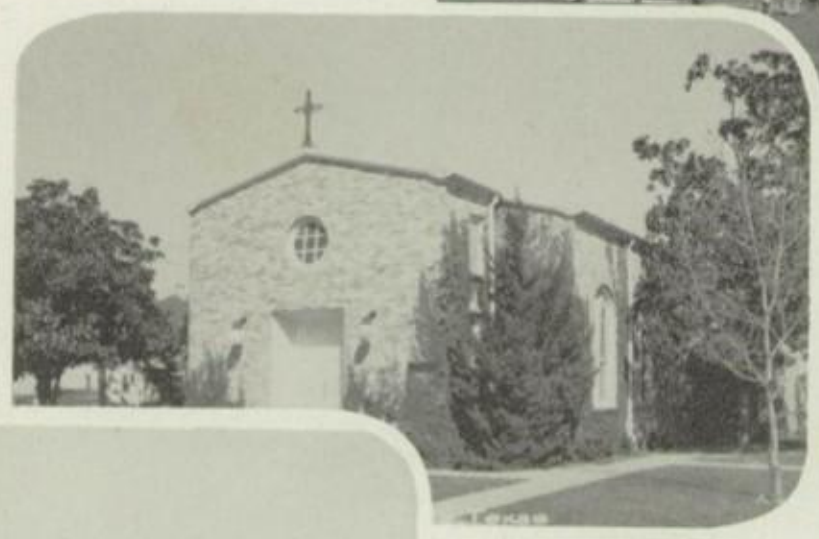
2310 Ave. H.
Phone 8405

HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC
2001 Katy St.
Phone 2125



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Phone 2185

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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FIRST BAPTIST
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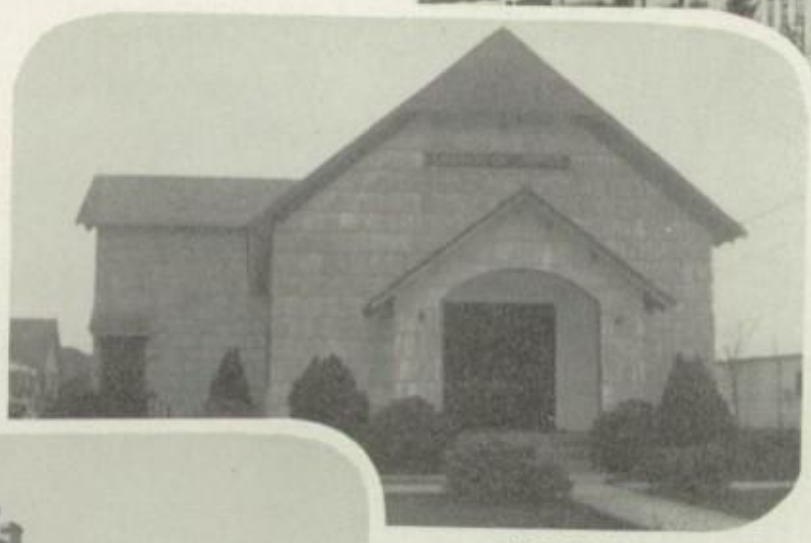

CHURCH
OF CHRIST
3010 Sixth St.
Phone 2137

EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
2200 Ave. E.
Phone 2557

The churches of Bay City invite you to attend their services.

We are proud of our churches and the part they play in the spiritual development of our community.

Many of our high school students are taking part in the leadership of these churches.

OFFICE HELPERS

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"THE GANG"

FOURSOME

MOTHERS

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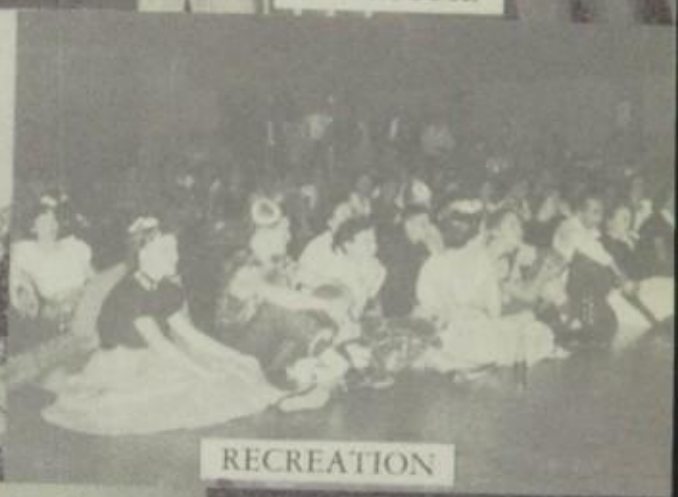

RECREATION

WHO'S WHO?

Organizations

SENIORS

JACK COLE
Sheriff of Matagorda County

CITY COUNCIL OF BAY CITY—Seated: Luder, Garrett, Mayor Guzman, Myrte Smith, Livengood. Standing: Newman and Friday.

A Friend to All the Students of Bay City Schools is POLICE CHIEF McWHIRTER.

Student Council

Standing: Clarence Genzer, "Corky" Franks, Francis Savage, John Estlenbaum, Ben Muniz, Bryan Simons, David Kristynik, John Reinke, Brooks Listen, Larry Huitt, Jerry Genzer, Jimmy Kovar, Taylor Steves. Seated: Carol Dye, Willa Dean Chapman, Bobby Cantrell, Billy Mack Huitt, Irving Savage, Glenda Starnes.

Student Council Officers

Standing: James Bissett, Vice President; E. M. Huitt, President; Travis Watson, Parliamentarian.
Seated: Barbara Slone, Treasurer; Ann Burr, Secretary; Betty Lane, Reporter.

Office Staff

These five students assist Mr. Myers in the Principal's office each day. They are Ann Burr, Jeannine Yeamans, E. M. Huitt, Betty Lane, and Ruthie Fikes.

Clarence Holubec and Shirley Hall—Two hard workers of the Business Office.

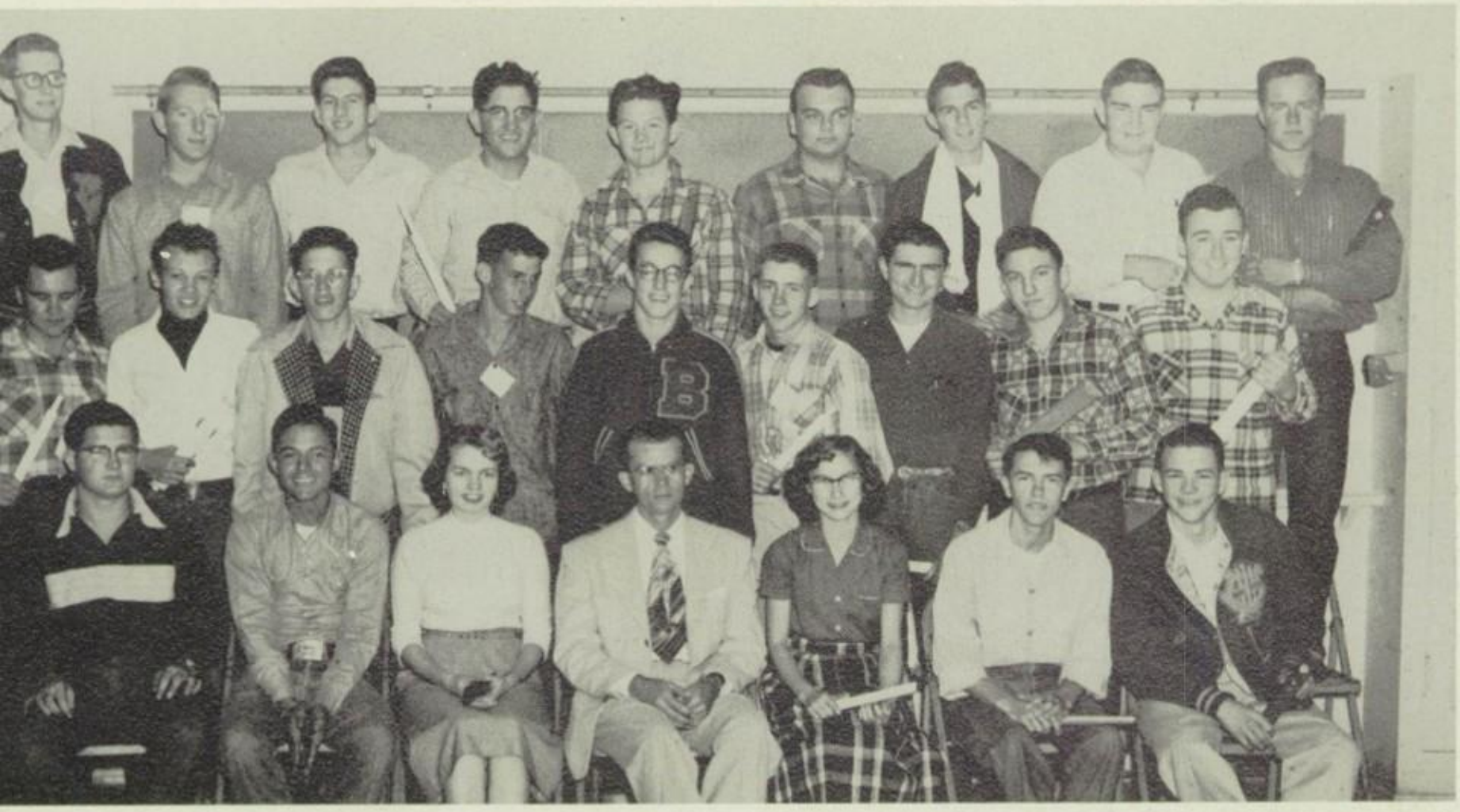
Picking up absentee slips daily are these girls who also work in the principal's office, Claire Lyle, Libby Glenn, Mary Westmoreland, Joan Henderson, and Jackie Petrucha.

"Fish" Kitty Daehne is already one of Mr. McDonald's top helpers.

Irene Sansing and Donald Bell—Busy typists of our office.

Wortham Smith and Leo Winters are pictured in the supply room in the Commercial Office.

Slide Rule Club



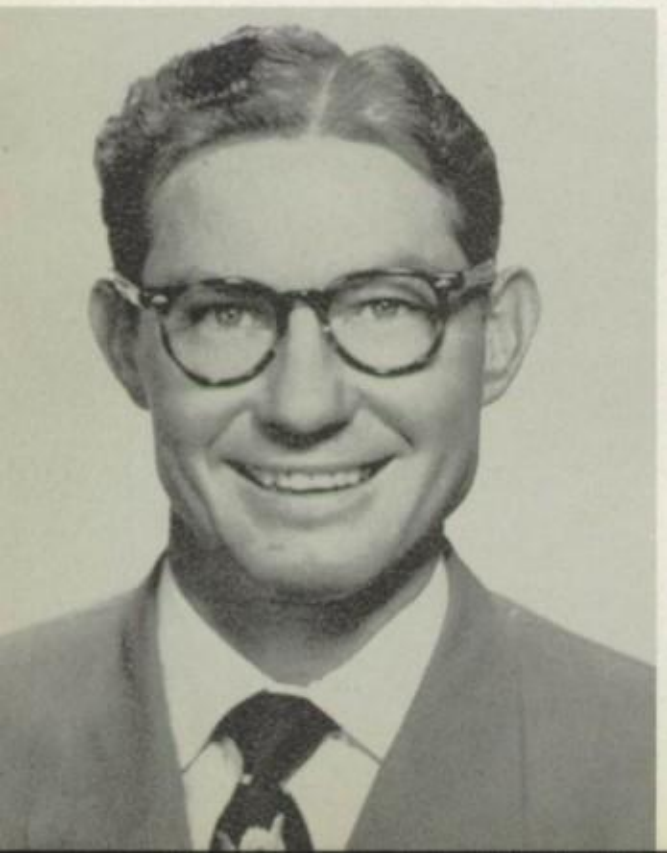
Front row: Kirby, Savage, Neumann, Mr. Smith, Fisher, Fricke, Gartrell. Second row: Hatchett, Pollard, Williams, Shuttlesworth, Sonnier, Greenwalt, White, Draper, Perry. Back row: Dye, Shoultz, Westmoreland, Kovar, Gassaway, Franks, Savage, Culver, Kubena.

Library Staff

Front row: Hatchett, Butler, Hickey, Christenberry, Janise, Kain, Watkins. Second row: Guzick, Ottis, Yeamans, Knight. Back row: Robertson, Burns, White.

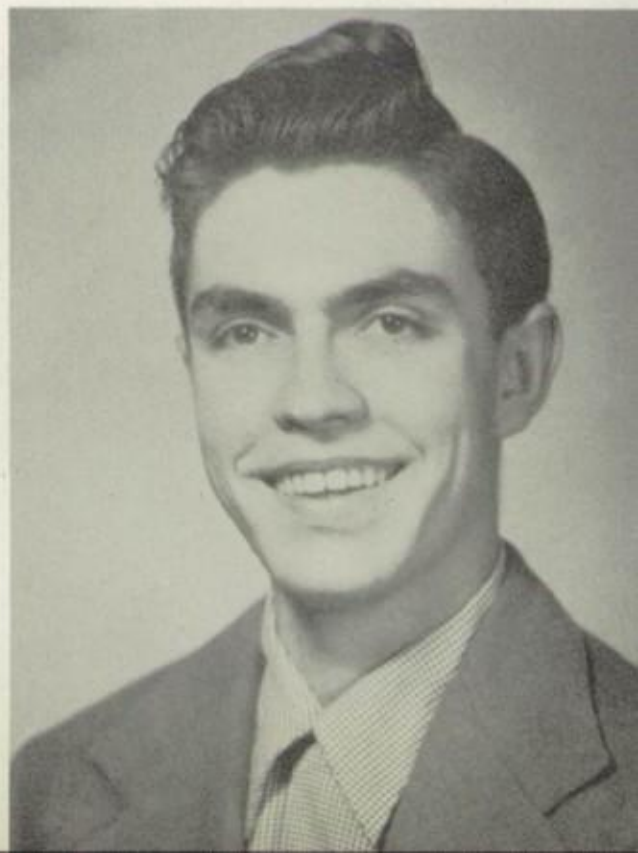
"Presenting that Famous Black Cat Band"

The Black Cat Band proudly represented Region V at the State Fair in Dallas and at Pasadena, placed first in sight reading and second in concert.



MR. J. I. BARRON
Director

MR. BOB CONKLIN
Assistant Director



Band

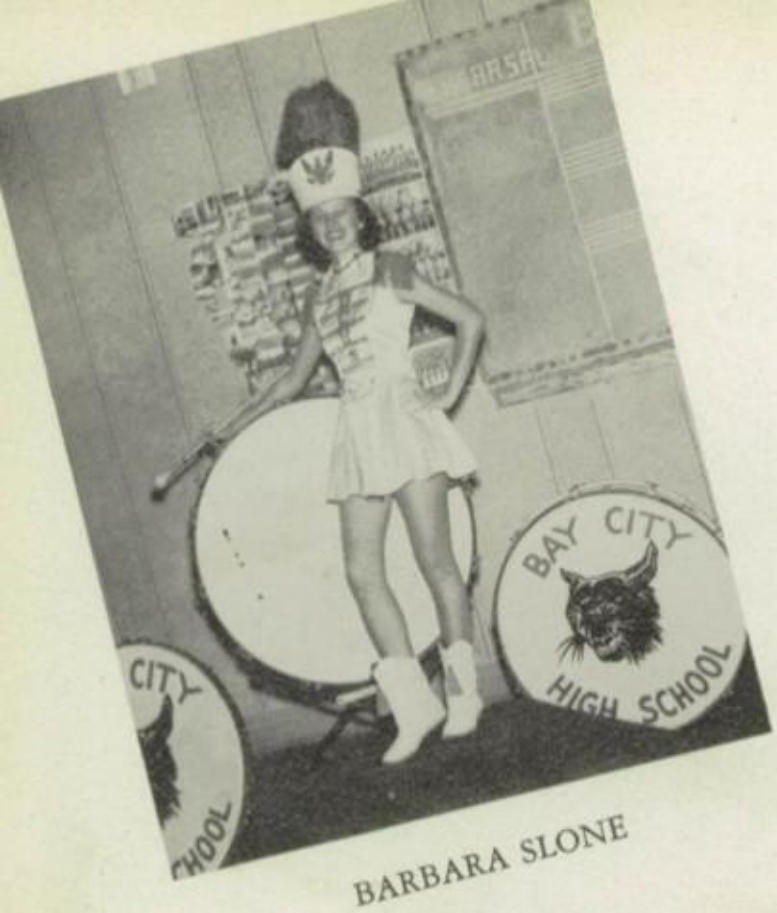
RANDOL WEBB
Band President

MAURICE ASHCRAFT
Band and Pep Squad Favorite

Band Council

Front row, left to right: Hunt, Rogers, Broughton, Knight, Boring, Starnes, Long. Back row: Fricke, Webb, Greenwalt, Reinke, Carr, Frank, Sykes, Kennedy, Townsend, Cantrell.

Twirlers and Drum Major



BARBARA SLONE

GLENDA GAIL STARNES

BOBBIE AMOS

MARY JANE BORING

BONNIE SUE FOX

MARY ROBERSON

DOROTHY BLACKMAN

Band

"Mile of Pennies"
"Gossip" "Football Time"
"Buddies" "Just a Friendly Chat"
"Cindy" "Our Director"
"The Three Vice Presidents"
"Junior Jazz Band"

A Cappella Choir

Choir Officers

Standing: Peggy Dierlam, Ann Burr. Seated: Janiece King, Bryan Hale, Quinton Watkins, Katherine Sue Porter.

Choir Council

Standing: Janiece King, Ira Rose, Alton Hoots, Bryan Hale, Katherine Porter, Quinton Watkins, John Reinke, Leroy Hearn, Ann Burr. Seated: Patricia Smith, Bobbie Amos, Peggy Dierlam, Linda Nell Rogers, Helen Wilkerson, Glenda Starnes.

Girls' Trio

Left to right: Glenda Starnes, Charlene Carr, and Linda Rogers.

Male Quartet

Left to right: Phillip Stewart, James Lee Shaw, Lester Callaway, and standing, Le Roy Hearn.

Girls' Quartet

Left to right: Nancy Webb, Ann Holmans, Lois Bickham, Mary Ann Miska.

Officers of the Girls' Chorus

Standing, left to right: Glenda Wix, Social Chairman; Dona Barbour, Treasurer. Seated: Dorothy Cox, Vice President; Shirley Linderman, President; Barbara Blum, Secretary.

Girls' Sextette

Left to right: Shirley Linderman, Georgianne Sweeny, Joy Kay Rogers, Nancy Seerden, Patsy Benedict, June Hammond.

Girls' Chorus

Front row, left to right: Kennedy, Thompson, Harrison, Benedict, Matthews, Cain, Barbour. Second row: Dierlam, Sweeny, Lunn, Barlowe, Simpson, Blum, Hollaway, Cox, Hammond. Third row: Wix, Boring, Murphree, Churchwell, Seerden, Hall, Smith, King, McIntosh.

Choir News

The A Cappella Choir had a very busy and eventful year. Mr. Karl A. Hickfang came to Bay City High School as the new director.

Performances before Christmas included concerts for the junior and senior high schools, the annual Winter Concerts, and a trip to Houston as one of the selected choirs for demonstration in the University of Houston Choral Workshop.

After the holidays, the events and appearances of the A Cappella Choir were many and impressive. The first of two tours included concert appearances in Galena Park, Green's Bayou, Houston, and a festival appearance in Conroe. Mr. Neil Kjos, nationally known composer, arranger, and critic was very impressed by the Bay City Choir and was complimentary of the poised and dignified appearance of it.

In March, the Choir launched a successful series of thirty minute radio programs once a week on Radio Station KIOX. Another tour was made taking the choir to central Texas for an appearance at the University of Texas, and other concert appearances in and around Austin and Bryan. The Choir did not make a contest appearance this year because of the many other events that were scheduled the same week.

The Girls' Chorus made appearances locally in concert, on the radio, and on assembly programs. This group entered the University Interscholastic League Music Contest at the U of H, April 13, and received an excellent rating. The judges were very impressed by the maturity of tone for such a young group.

The Choristers, a group of 30 students, was organized this year and selected from the membership of the A Cappella Choir.

MR. CHARLES KING
Sponsor

NORMAN GUZICK
Editor

JUDY MYALL
Assistant Editor

Cat's Tale Staff

JACKIE EDMONDSON
and
LIBBY GLENN
Society Editors

CHARLES MOSLEY
Business Manager

CCORDING TO SAINT LUKE:

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d praising God for all the
was told into them.

St. Luke 2:1-20

... MATTHEW:

s born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of
ere came wise men from the east to Jeru-
that is born king of the Jews: for we have
d are come to worhip him. When Herod the
s, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with

thered all the chief priests and scribes of
anded of them where Christ should be born.
him, in Bethlehem, of Judaea: for thus it is
d thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art
princes of Judaea for out of thee shall come
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t time the star appeared. And he sent them to
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The entire staff, busy editing one of the best papers of the year, the Christmas issue, which you see on this page.

Back row: Lindsay Langham, Jane Boring, Wortham Smith, Jimmy Barr, Bobbie Jean Long, Leo Winters. Front row: E. M. Huitt, Libby Glenn, Claire Lyle, John Reinke, Donald Bell, Irene Sansing.

Annual Staff

The first Annual that was published by the students of the high school of Bay City was in the year 1920.

Front row, left to right: Jackie Edmondson, Jean Maden, Jane Werlla. Back row: Norma Lynn Bissett, Janis Baker, Shirley Darby.

VANCE B. McDONALD
Black Cat Annual Sponsor

The second edition of the Annual was published in 1924.

Nola Mae Williams our own Mrs. McWilliams, Math teacher, was editor of the school paper in 1924.

Cheerleaders

Assistant Cheerleaders

Jeannie Jeanes, Joyce King, Katherine Sue Porter, Jackie Edmondson.

Mickey Elkins, another assistant cheerleader, was not present at the time this was taken.

"THELMA" STEVES

"DELIA MALARIA" MEINKE

Pep Squad

The Pep Squad, an organization now composed of eighty girls, was originally a drum and bugle corps formed under the sponsorship of Mrs. Keye Ingram in about 1932.

Today the Black Cat football team is led to many victories by the support of our Pep Squad. Mrs. Irl Coyle is the present sponsor.

Foreign Language Club

In the early days of Bay City High School, there was a Spanish Club and a Latin Club. At that time many of the members took both Latin and Spanish since there were not many electives, so the membership in both clubs overlapped. The organizations were much alike and had programs very similar. About 1937 the two sponsors, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Early, with the approval and consent of the superintendent, Mr. Hutchenson, combined the clubs into a Foreign Language Club.

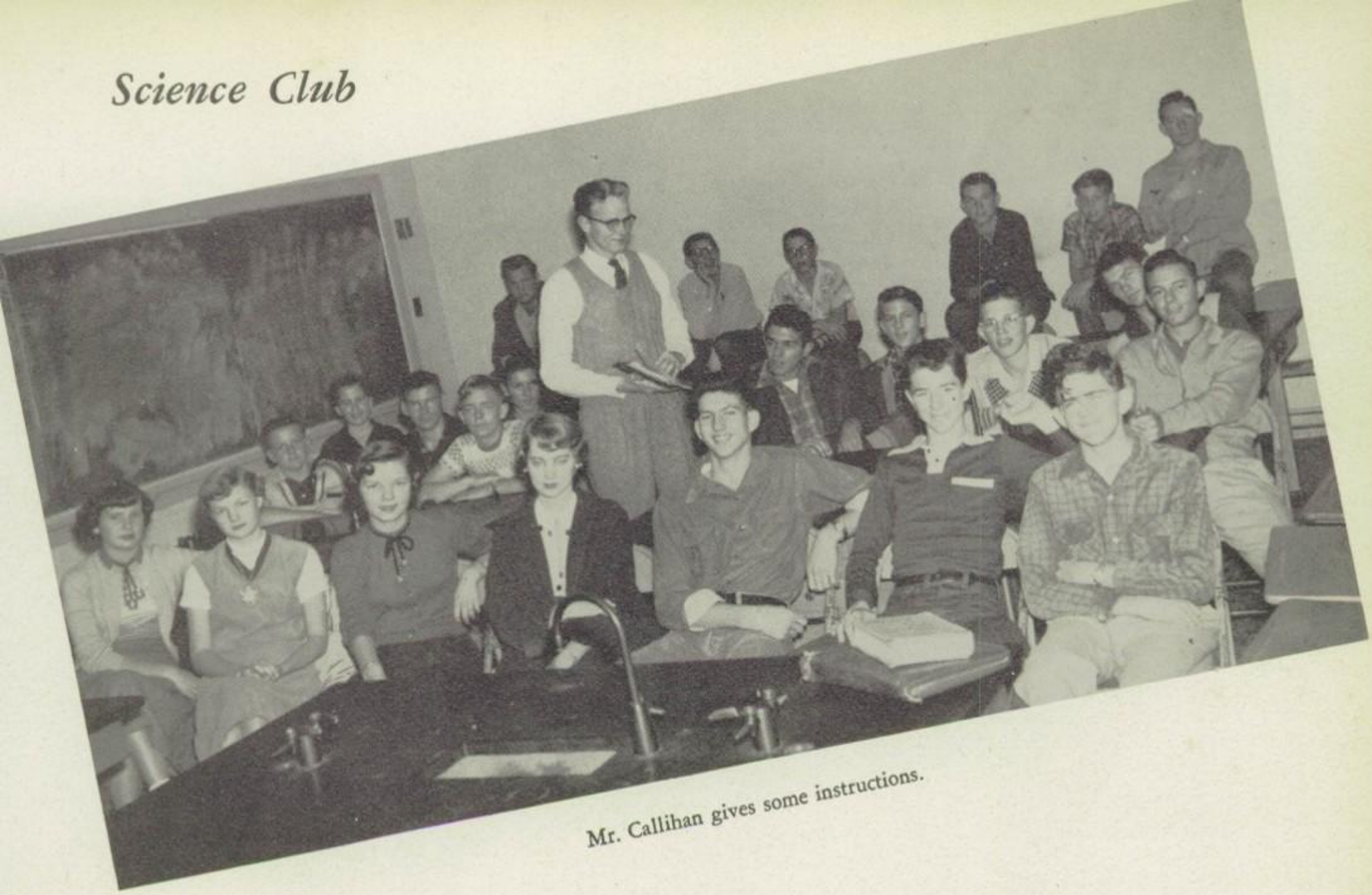
We had a program celebrating the union—the wedding of the Spanish and Latin Clubs which was very clever.

The Latin Club pin was a Roman scroll, and the Spanish Club pin, a dagger. We put the dagger through the scroll and had the pin for the newly organized club.

The club has always been a social rather than a service club. The Foreign Language Club meets once a month and has a variety of programs. They have a large social function once a year for the entire student body.

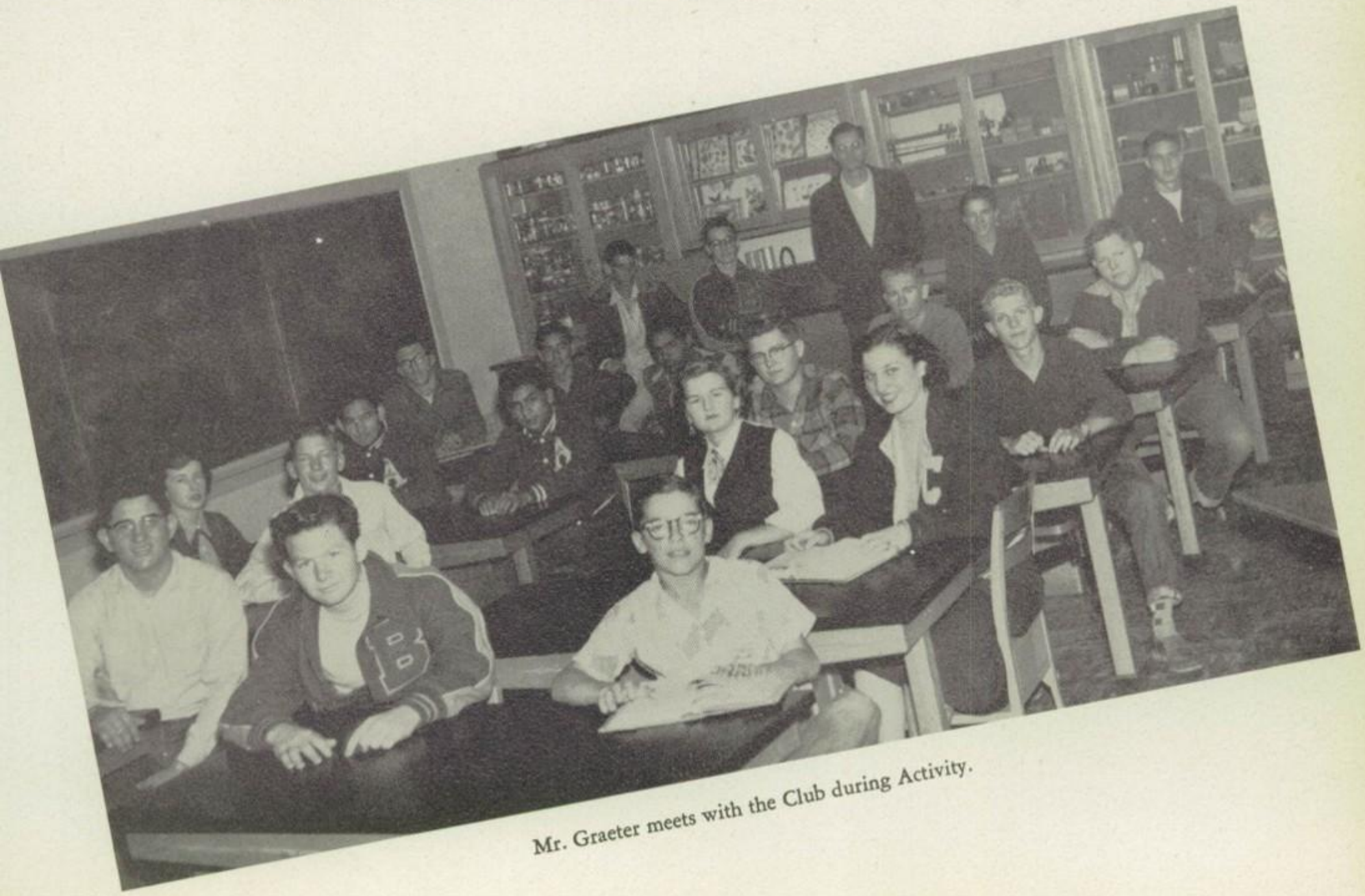
First row, seated, left to right, center: Reporter, Jackie Edmondson; Vice President, Lindsay Langham; President, Willa Dean Chapman; Secretary, Shirley Darby.

Science Club



Mr. Callihan gives some instructions.

One of the largest clubs on the campus is the Science Club. It has over forty members. Mr. Erwin Graeter and Mr. Leon Callihan are the Sponsors.



Mr. Graeter meets with the Club during Activity.

Y-Teens

This "Y" represents the Y-Teens of B.C.H.S. It is one of the service clubs and each girl in school is entitled to be a member. This year there are about 110 members. They are known as the Junior members of the Y.W.-C.A. The club's purpose is to grow as a person, to grow in friendship with people of all races, religions and nationalities, to grow in the knowledge and love of God. They try to fulfill this purpose by doing several different service projects. They give boxes to needy families on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Y-Teens also participate in world-wide Y-Teen service projects. During the year they have various money-making projects to raise money for the big Y-Teen Spring Formal. They elect an Ideal Girl and twelve representatives from the girls that have done the most to improve the club. These girls are presented at the formal dance to which the entire school is invited.

MRS. E. A. KLIPPLE
Y-Teen Sponsor

Y-Teen Officers

Senior Y-Teens

Front row, left to right: Claire Lyle, Scrapbook Chairman; Janiece King, Sergeant-at-Arms; Charlene Carr, Secretary; Mary Jane Boring, President; Martherle Broughton, Vice President; Jackie Edmondson, Treasurer; Libby Glenn, Program Chairman. Second row: Sue Porter, Song Leader; Ruthie Fikes, Social Chairman; Charlsie Conerly, Devotional Chairman; Ann Burr, Inter-Club Council Rep.; Glenda Jordan, Social Service; Bobbie Jean Long, Publicity; Shirley Darby, Ways and Means.

Junior Y-Teens

Front row, left to right: Joyce King, Treasurer; Betsy Coleman, Program Chairman; Dorothy Cox, President; June Hammond, Vice President. Second row: Chloe Rugley, Devotional Chairman; Carolyn Keen, Social Service; Carol Dye, Inter-Club Council Rep.; Shirley Linderman, Social Chairman; Ann Holmans, Program Chairman.

Through the help of Miss Daisy L. Bell, the Manager of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce, the Annual Staff was able to obtain several photographs and a research into the history of Our Town.

THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BAY CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Eugene Sherry, Secretary; Miss Daisy Bell, Manager; Glen White, President; Dr. Charles Schultz, First Vice President; and T. J. Poole, Jr. Standing: Dan Pfannstiel, Elmer Fanson, D. F. Wiginton, Kenneth D. Horton, Boyd Porter, Jr. President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Frank Shaw Taylor, Second Vice President and Gifford L. Reiman. Mr. W. C. Tillman is also a member of the board but was unable to be present at the time picture was taken.

The picture at the right shows part of the Coast Line of Matagorda County taken at Palacios.

Two Seniors, Six Juniors.

Black Gold in your own back yard.

Miss Most Dependable and her Escort, James Bissett.

THE BAY CITY REBEKAH LODGE

Upper right: The Bay Tex Hotel, Bay City's finest. Bottom right: The old Fire Station and now the City Hall.

The Bay City Rebekah Lodge No. 79 I.O.O.F. of Texas was instituted in 1918 with thirteen charter members; now it has a membership of 108, meeting each Thursday night.

The Work is based upon the Holy Bible, in Sacred Ceremony. The object is to relieve the distressed, visit the sick, bury the dead, educate the orphan and advance the social and Fraternal welfare of its membership. The Ideals are love, peace, courage, and faith.

BAY CITY GOLF COURSE

Our Future Homemakers

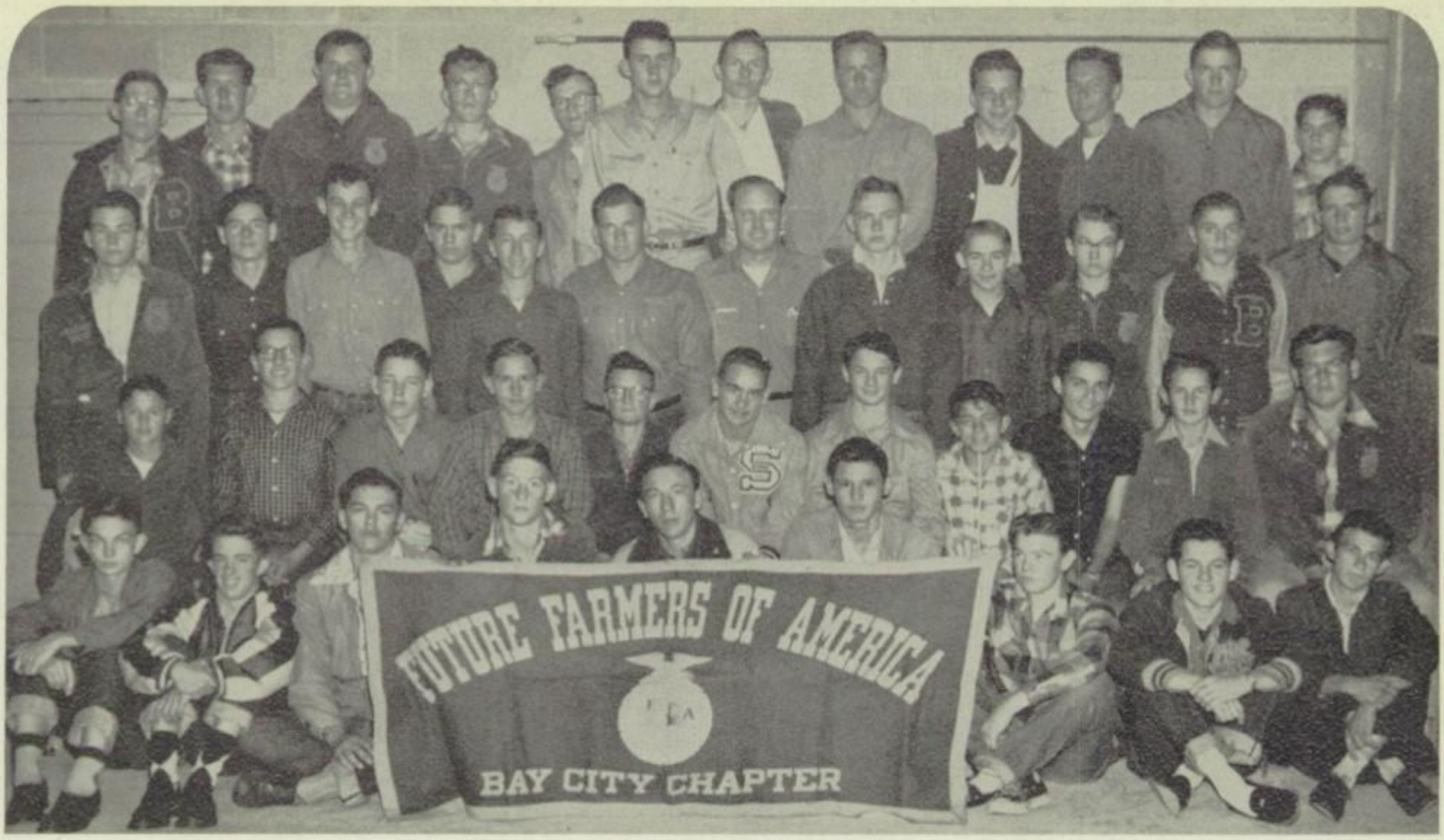
President ..... JOANNE MIELSCH
Vice President ..... JEANIE JEANES
Secretary ..... RUTHIE FIKES
Treasurer ..... LIBBY GLENN
Reporter ..... DONNA McCROSKY
Photographer ..... JUDY MYALL
Scrapbook ..... GEORGIANN DORNAK
Parliamentarian ..... JEANNETTE KRISTYNIK
Song Leader ..... EMILY ROMINE

Sponsor
MRS. COYLE

Sponsor
MRS. DICKERSON

Chapter Beau
QUENTIN WATKINS

Installation of Officers



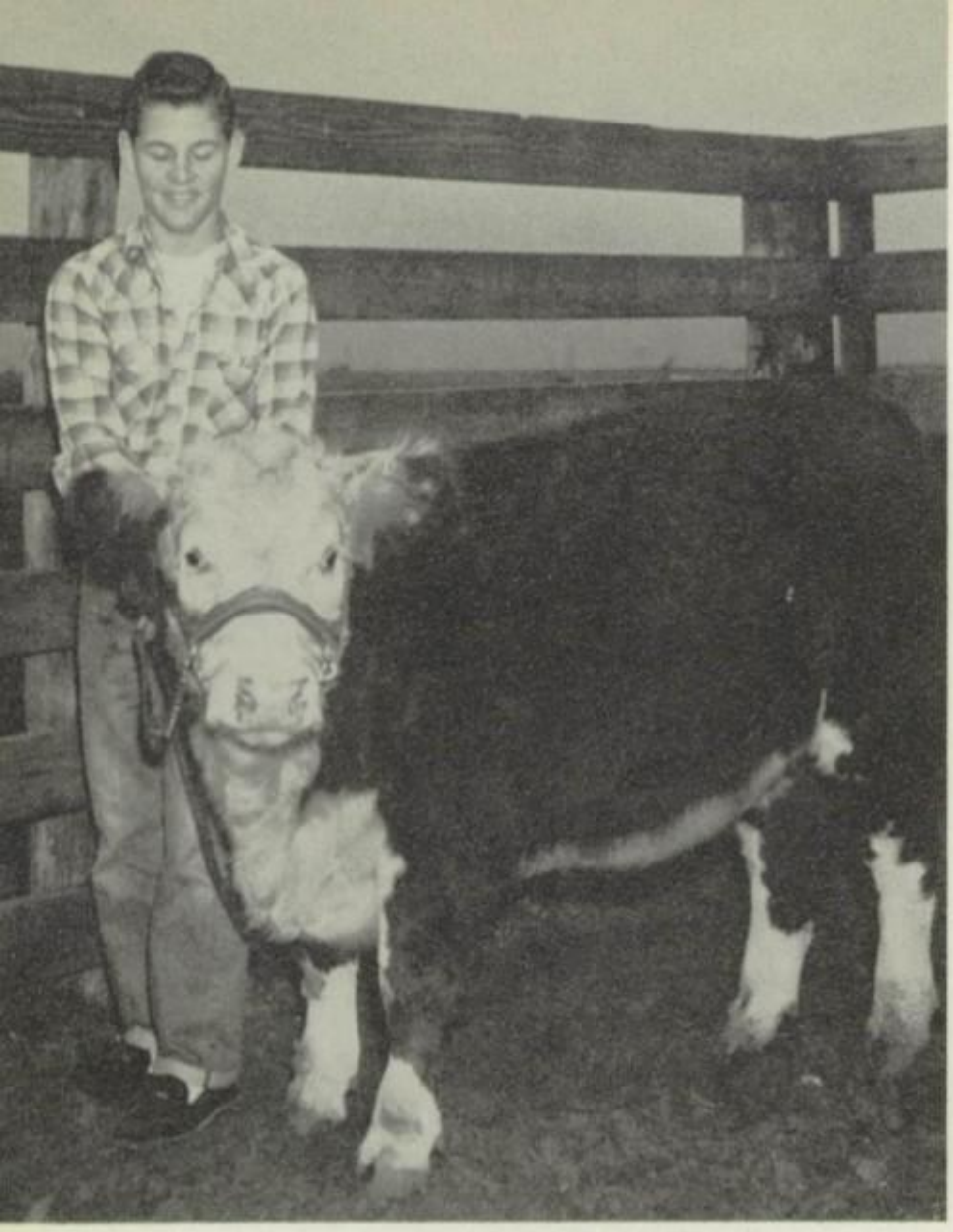
Future Farmers of America

President ..... JIMMY GARTRELL
Vice President ..... HOMER MARROW
Second Vice President ..... BILLY DOSS
Third Vice President ..... BUDDY DOSS
Secretary ..... BRYAN LAIRD
Treasurer ..... TOMMY UHER
Reporter ..... LEE EDWARD BACA
Parliamentarian ..... PETE CARTWRIGHT
Historian ..... CORKY GREEN
Sentinel ..... BILLY RAY MARROW
Advisor ..... JAMES D. SOWELL

Sweetheart
MARY WESTMORELAND

Advisor
MR. JAMES SOWELL

In the shop course Mr. Sowell gives instructions to John Voss McCrosky, Archie Finley, and Marian Dick.



THE CHAMPION

William Townsend with an expression of pride presents his Hereford that won the Championship of the Matagorda Livestock Show held in Bay City in February. This is quite an accomplishment for the popular sixteen year old Sophomore of Bay City High School.

F.F.A. Projects

The National F.F.A. was organized in 1928. Ten years later our local chapter was organized. Mr. James D. Sowell is the present sponsor. Previous sponsors were:

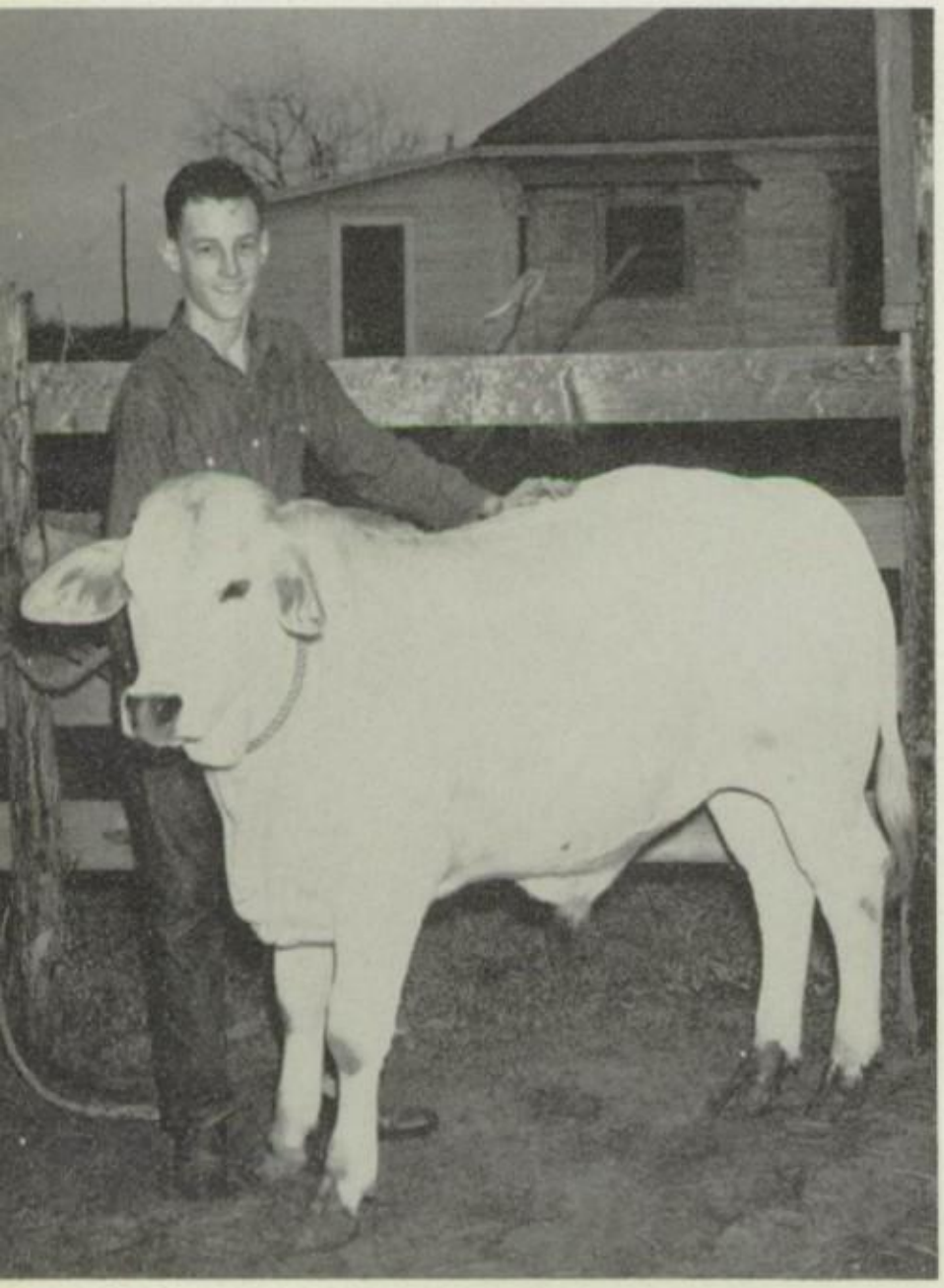
J. E. Hutchison—1938 to 1945
J. A. Hagler—1945 to 1949
Pat B. Hall—1949 to 1952

Mr. Hutchison is now working in the A.&M. System as Horticulturist.

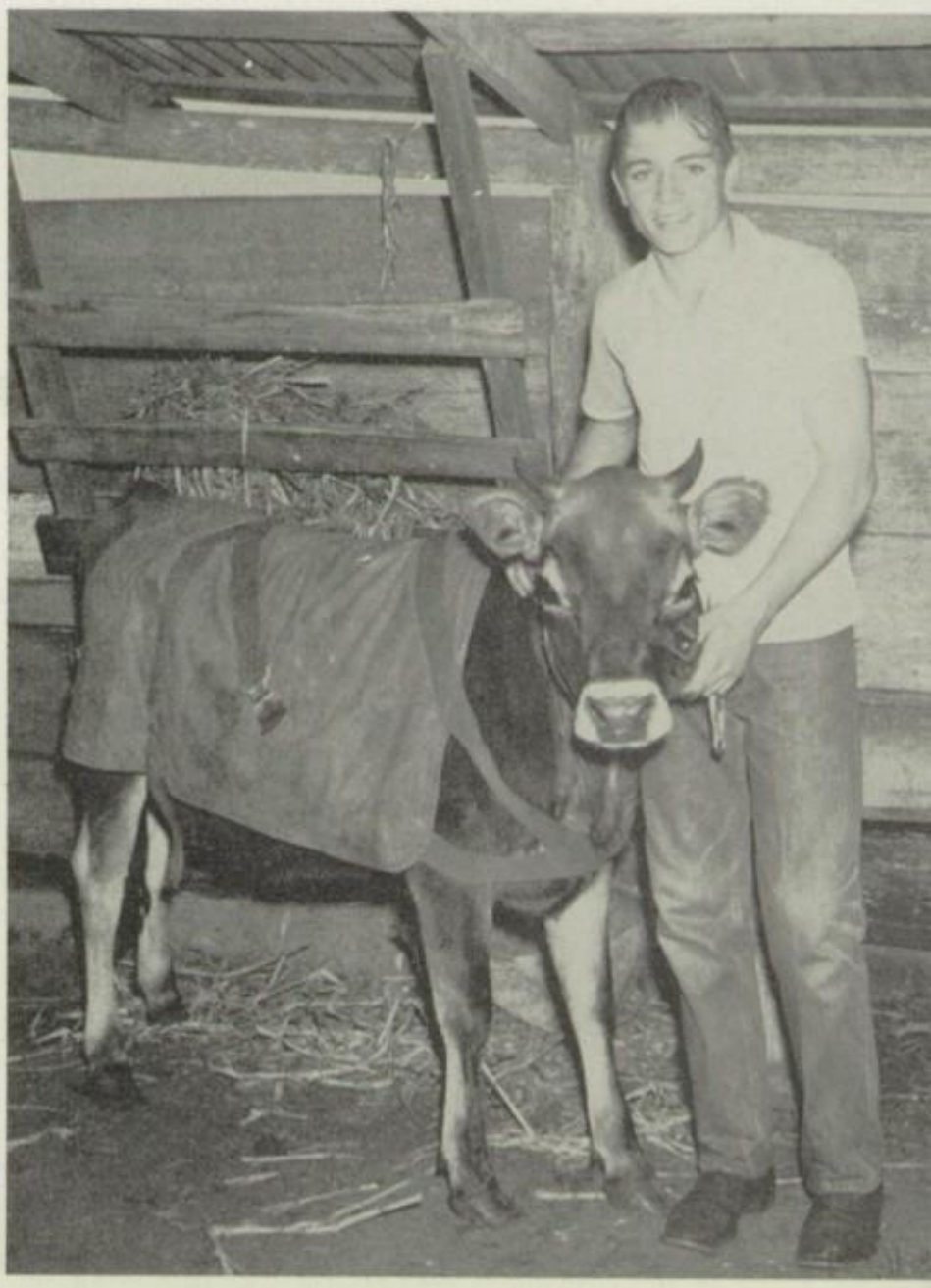
Mr. Hagler is doing well in the feed business at LaGrange, Texas.

Mr. Hall is studying law at the University of Texas.

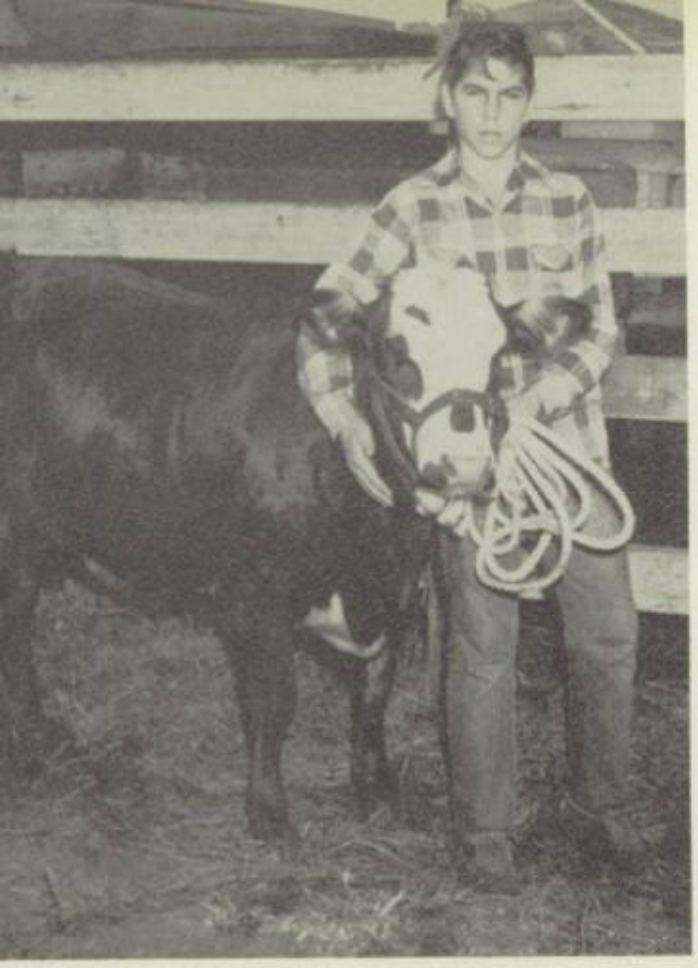
Five Bay City High School boys have obtained State Recognition for earning the Lone Star Farmers Degree. These boys are Harry Norris, Boogie Stephens, Jimmy Laird, Travis Cartwright, and Jimmie Gartrell.



Archie Findley and his Sharbray (Cross).

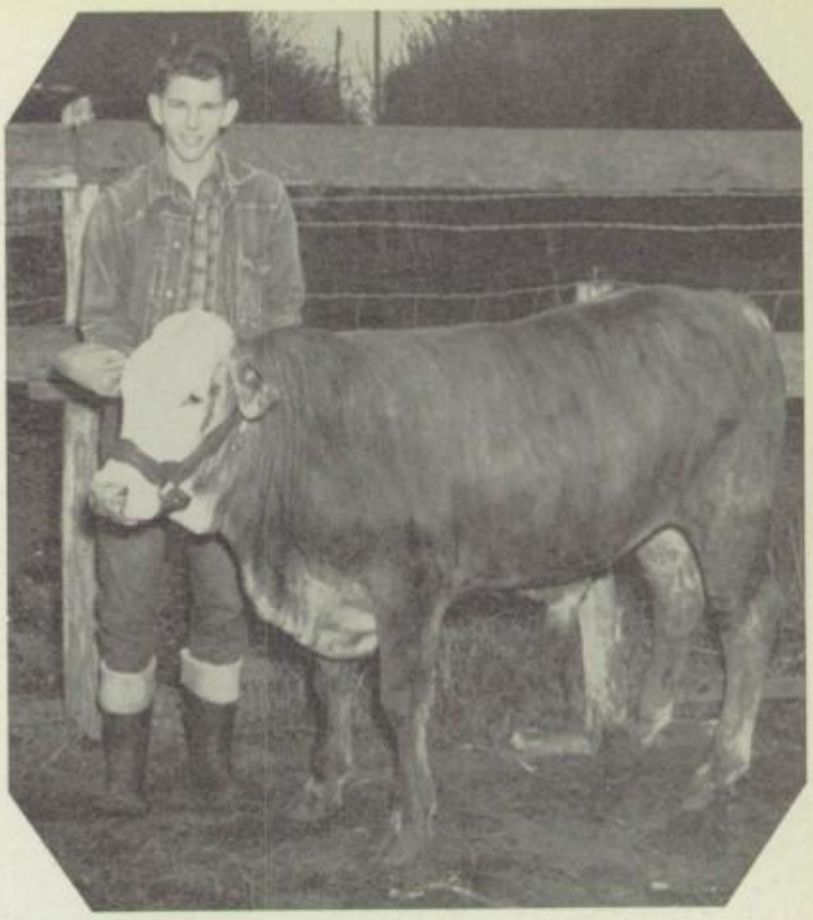


Charles Richer and his Jersey (Dairy).



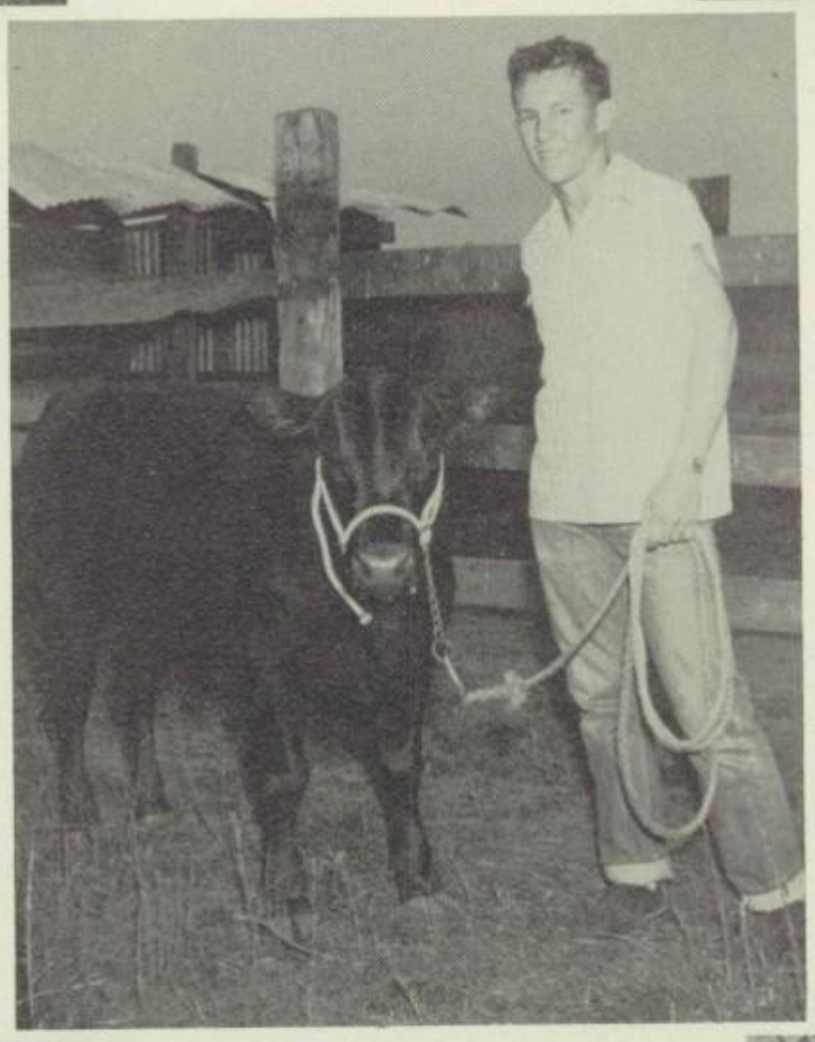
Bryan McDonald and his Braford.

F. F. A. Projects



Billy Mack Huitt proudly presents his Bradford which drew a lot of comments at the Fat Stock Show.

With a smile of admiration, Raymond Cox shows his English Angus.

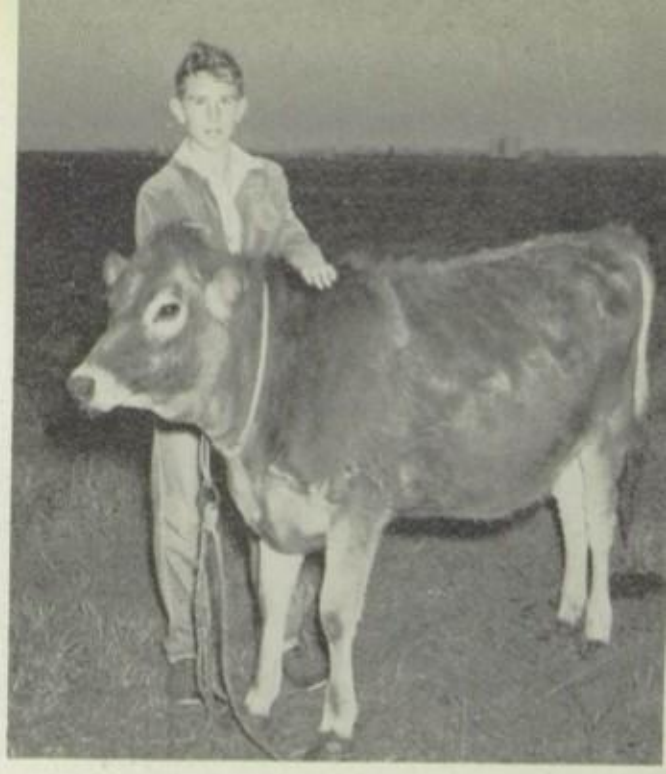


In the picture below we see James Stephens and his main project, a Brangus.

Jimmy Elkins shows us one of his several Light Brahman Capons. This looks like a job well done, Jimmy.

Joe Louis Pavlik and his flock

F.F.A. Projects

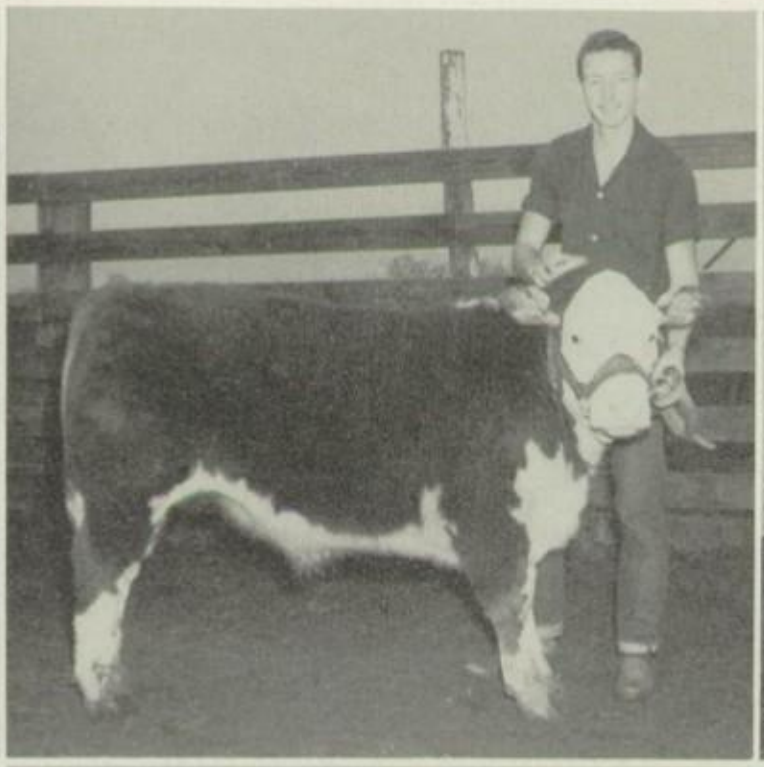


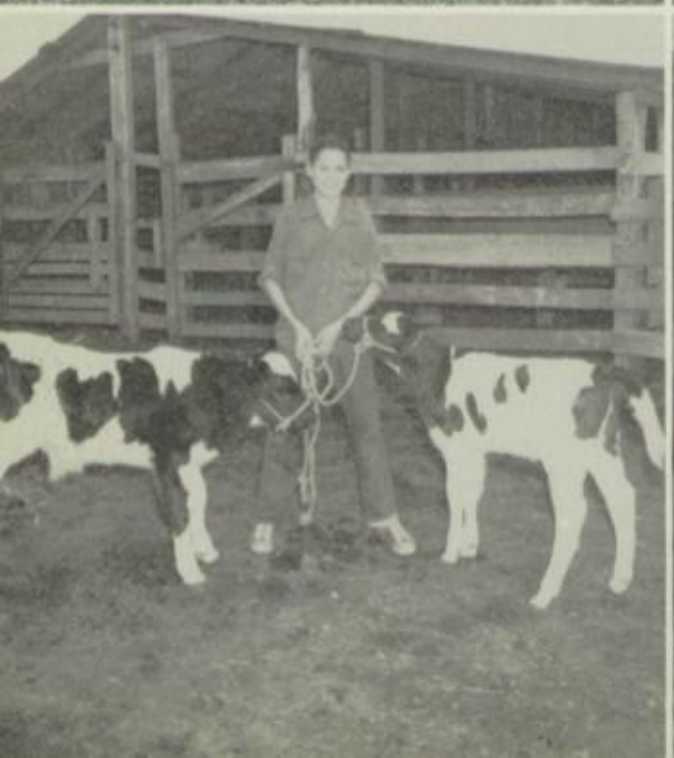
Lee Edward Baca and his Jersey

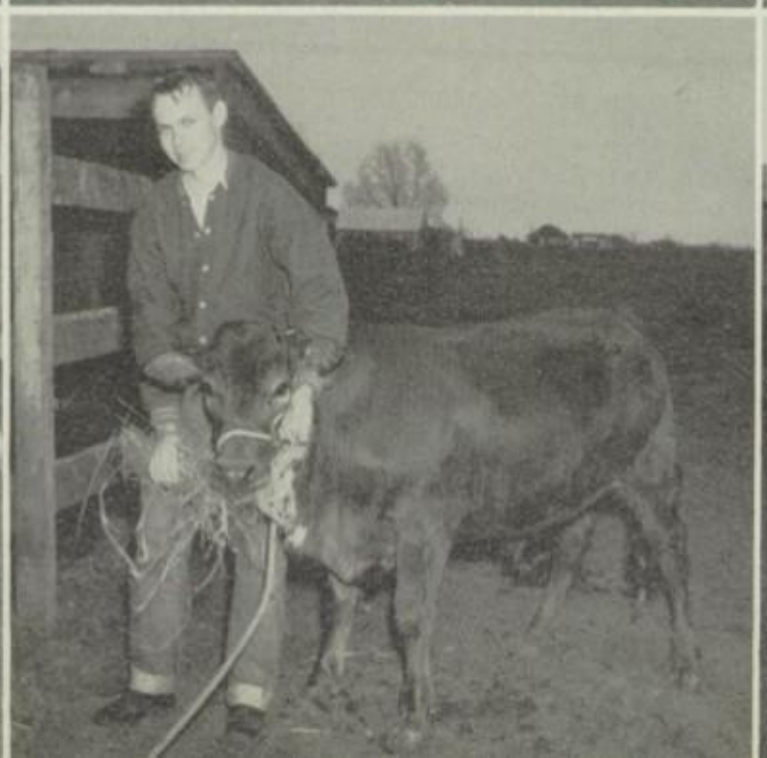
The F.F.A. Chapter is especially proud of its Honorary Members that help to support the Chapter in many ways. They have had much to do with the success of the Chapter. One very outstanding mother is Mrs. A. H. Simon.

The Chapter had a very successful County-wide livestock show with William Townsend taking grand champion of the dry lot calf division; James Sutton reserve champion in the rabbit division. Out of twelve blue ribbon calves, six Bay City boys, all members of the F.F.A. Chapter, won half of the blue ribbons that were given.

The boys with their projects pictured below are reading from left to right: Johnny Langston, Dickie McCullough, J. H. Slone, John McCrosky, Lester Calloway and Bryan Laird.







F.F.A. Projects

James Sutton and his prize Rabbit

Lester Callaway and Eldon Sutton

The boys had a successful summer tour of 2625 miles, going to Carlsbad, Big Bend, Brownsville, King Ranch, and Knolle Jersey farm, won third place in the senior chapter conducting contest in district competition with about 25 schools. They attended the Houston Fat Stock Show, had a successful Father and Son banquet, operated a food booth at one football game, and one at the Rice Festival. They also had an overnight fishing trip. This group attended the State Fair in Dallas.

At the Fat Stock show Archie Findley won the Registered Brahman Breeders award of a silver belt buckle with gold overlay. Lester Calloway took third in Showmanship.

The boys pictured below reading from left to right are: Eldon Sutton, Corky Green, President Jimmy Gartrell, Maurice Ashcraft, Johnny Mohon. The last picture is that of the chain Calves (Calf Chain). The cow belongs to Travis Cartwright and the calf to the chapter.

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GOING PLACES

"MOST STUDIOUS"

IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T
MY BABY

MARY, NANCY, AND BETTY
IN
SMILE AWHILE

A BREAK IN ROUTINE

LEO HAS A GIRL FRIEND,
SHE MUST BE FROM MARKHAM

MARY JANE BORING

One of the landmarks of Bay City is beautiful La Tulle Park located on the outskirts of town on the banks of the Colorado River.

Features

The Lions Club of Bay City has done an outstanding job in cooperation with the schools of Bay City.

This organization sponsors the Rice Festival each year. This event is drawing the attention of the entire State of Texas. Many cities send contestants for queen. The one who is elected queen reigns for the entire year.

THE LIONETTES

This group is composed of the following students: Barbara Slone, Ann Thornton, Charlsie Conerly, Martherle Broughton, Patricia Smith and Willa Dean Chapman. This group sang at the Rice Festival Luncheon, University of Houston, the different churches in town, High School Assembly Programs and for the Lions Lady Night at the Service Center.

MRS. CLARA MAE COCHRAN

Mrs. Cochran is the organizer and the director of the Lionettes. For her outstanding work with this group and her undying service to the advancement of music in the community and her untiring effort in our educational program the Annual Staff salutes her.

Rice *Festival*

Myrna Smith, contestant for queen is escorted by Charles Slater. She represented the Volunteer Firemen.

Lovely Miss Betty Murphy of Houston is crowned 1953 Rice Festival Queen.

Martherle Broughton, Bay City High's own most beautiful girl became the 1953 Duchess in the Rice Festival. She's escorted by Bobby Craft.

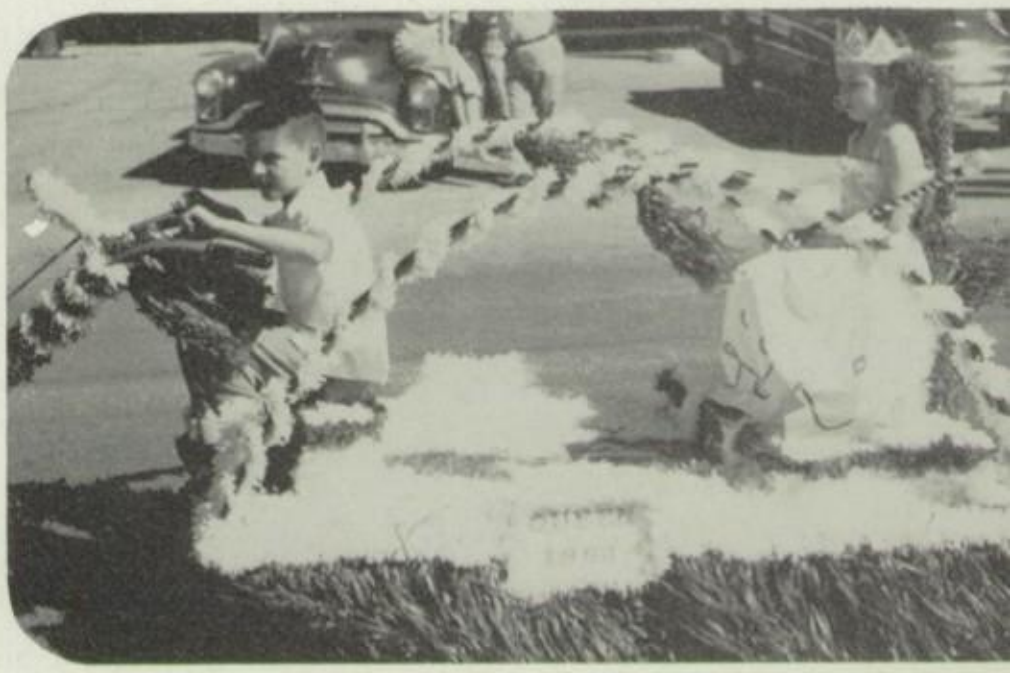
Last year's Queen, Bay City's Miss June Teykl, is pictured here a few minutes before her reign ended.

Representing the YWCA was Miss Bobbie Jean Long escorted by Dick Dye.

Mary Jane Boring, representing the Booster Club is escorted by Jimmy Westmoreland.

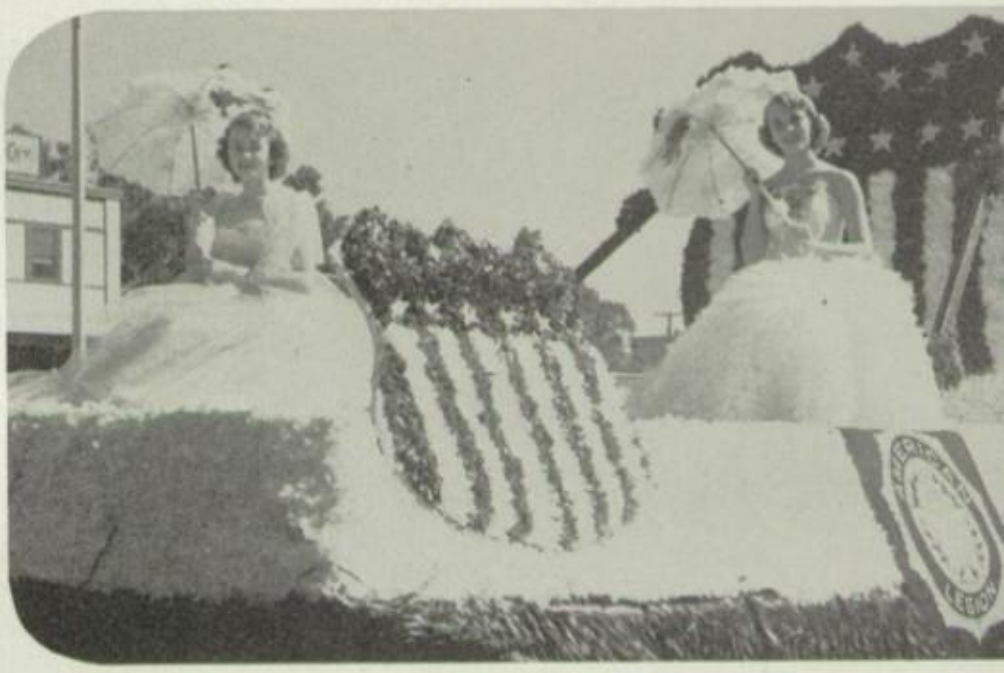
Rice Festival Floats 1954 Parade

The FFA Sweetheart rode on the FFA float in the Rice Festival Parade. Their '53 Sweetheart is Mary Westmoreland. The President and Vice President are seated next to her.



Presenting the Rice Festival Queen of 1963.—This was by far one of the most outstanding Floats in the '53 parade.

Representing each country in the world, the Matagorda County 4-H entered in the 1953 Rice Festival Parade.



Miss Marilyn Neuman and Miss Sue Porter added grace and beauty to the American Legion Float.

These pretty girls riding in this pretty red convertible are the officers of the Future Homemakers of America. They are Ruthie Fikes, Joanne Mielsch, Georgiann Dornak, and Donna McCrosky.

SENIOR DAY

ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, THE SENIORS OF BCHS JOURNEYED TO SAN MARCOS AND NEW BRAUNFELS FOR THEIR ANNUAL SENIOR DAY.

THEY VISITED THE SUBMARINE THEATER AND RODE IN THE GLASS BOTTOMED BOATS IN SAN MARCOS. FROM THERE THEY WENT TO NEW BRAUNFELS WHERE THEY SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AT LANDA PARK SWIMMING, BOATING, BICYCLE RIDING, DANCING, GOLFING, AND "EATING".

Every year for the past several years the Foreign Language Club has sponsored a slave sale to make money for their various functions. All of the slaves that are sold are members of the Foreign Language Club and are presently taking Spanish or Latin. The pictures on this page were all taken during this event.

In the first picture Miss Carmen Fikes poses for a picture as she is sold to the highest bidder.

In the second picture these handsome young gentlemen are waiting to be put up on the selling block.

After the sale the students went to class dressed in their various costumes. Charles Shoultz is a perfect example.

The "Three Mesquiteers" stand for a picture after being sold for the enormous sum of two dollars and eighty-five cents.

Glamorous Jimmy Barr, obliging, poses for a snapshot.

The next two slaves are smiling because they had a fine time?

Thelma Steves was one of the more expensive slaves.

Slave Sale

Where did you get that hat, Billy?

What is it, Jimmy?

"Geraldine"

Glenda, highest paid slave!

Tweedle Dum, Tweedle Dee.

"Irene" Rose

READY FOR BED

"Daisy Mae" Wilde

Rose Marie

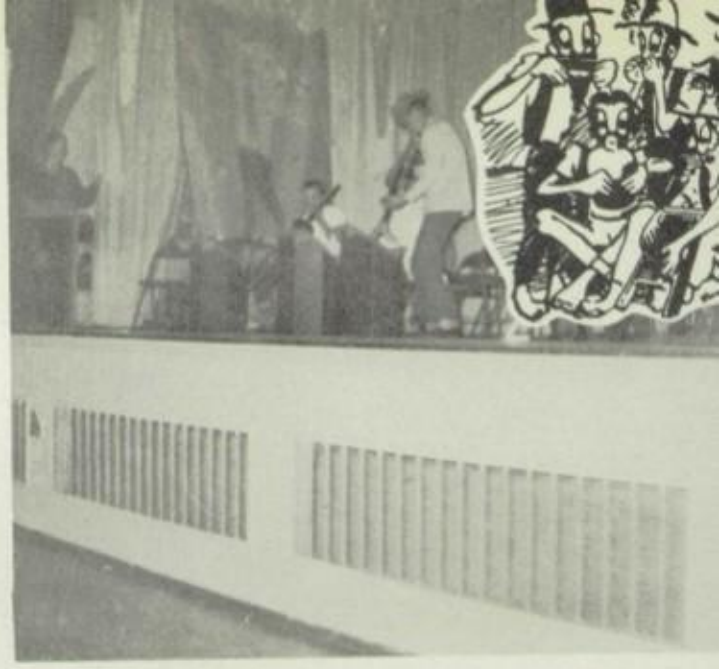
Madame

"Little Iodine" Smith

Mary Jane and Lindsay have just received little hats which they model for the cameraman.

F.L.C. Hillbilly Party

Each year our Foreign Language Club gives a party in which the entire school is invited. This year the theme of the affair was "Hillbilly." For the first two hours games were played and a program was presented. Acts on this program were: The Outhouse Five, Commercials sponsored by Taylor Steves and Jimmy Westmoreland, a pantomime by Martherle and Bobby, Lionettes, Treblaires, Anthony Acosta, Outhouse Five, Myrna and Sue's pantomime and other outstanding talented students. The remaining time was spent in dancing and bingo was played in the lobby.



The Outhouse Five were one of the most comical acts on the FLC program.

Nancy, Bobby, ?, and James Lee are ready for the judges to recognize their correct spelling of the first word in the word games.

M. C. was E. M.

Mrs. Ingram, FLC sponsor, and Helen watch as the dancing begins after a full evening of games and refreshments.

Juniors' Christmas Dance

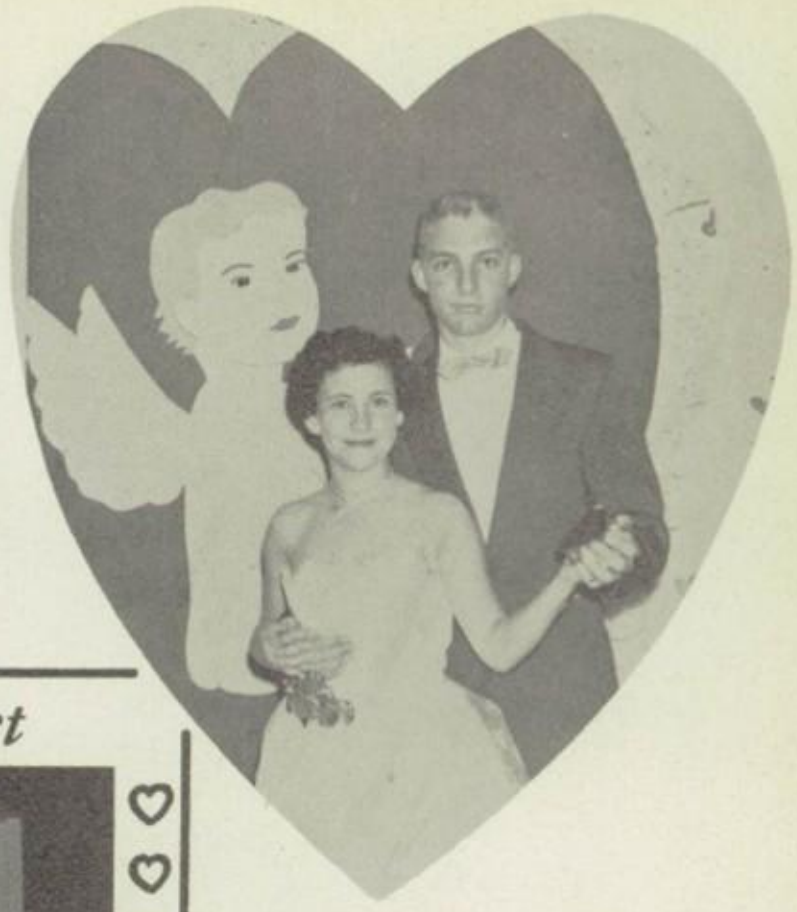
Left: Charles and Joyce, Sandra and Barry, "sitting one dance out."
Right: Leroy and Shirley, Cynthia and Bobby, but "Why so sad Leroy?"

At left: Warren Conerly and Martha Paggi, one of the steady couples of B.C.H.S., dance at the Christmas Formal.
Right: Georgia Ann Sweeny and Jimmy Sonnier rest a moment after joining the rest of the crowd in the "Bunny Hop."

Sweetheart Dance

FEBRUARY 13
U.S.O.

PAUL and MARY



MICKEY and JOHN

1954 Sweetheart

JUNE RAGUS

NORMA JEAN and
RAYMOND

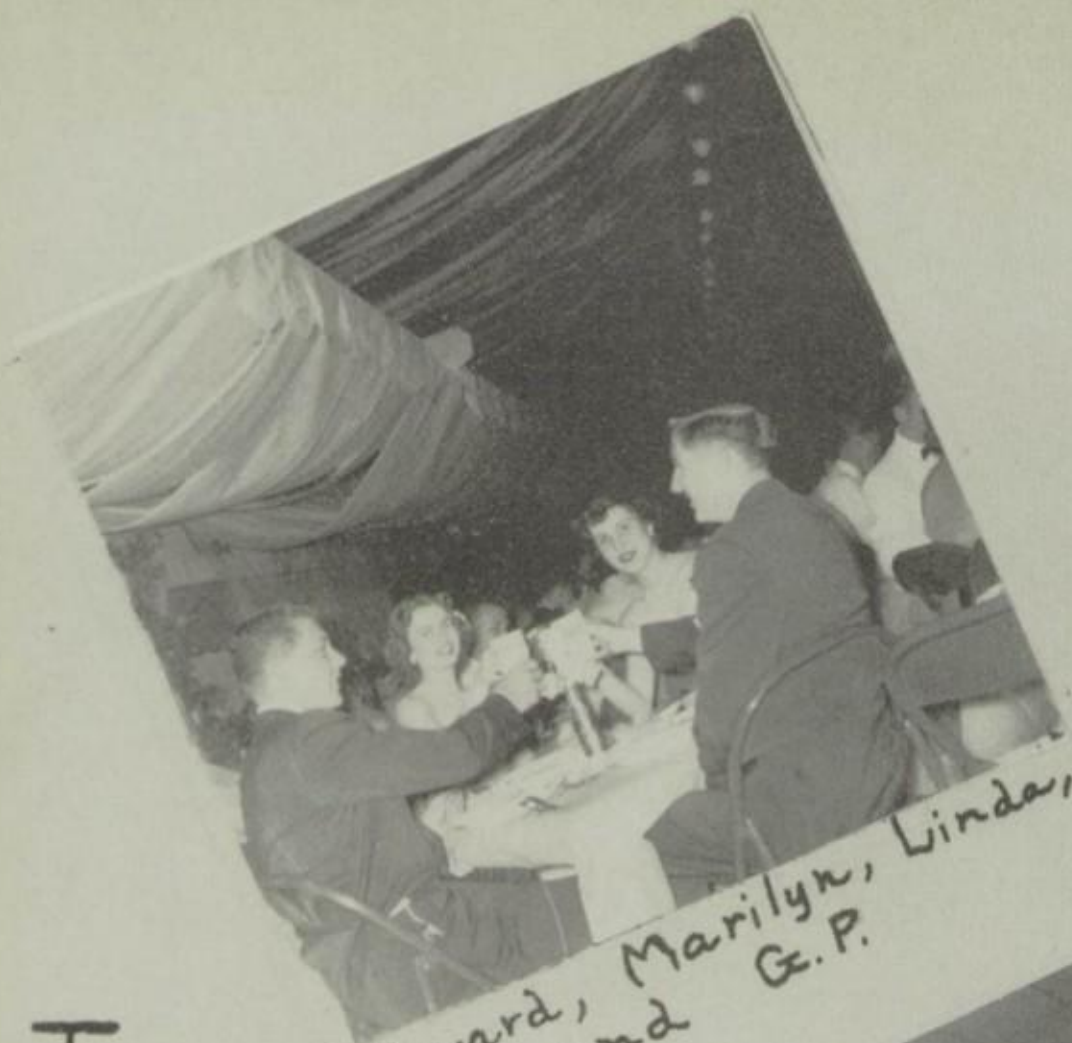
JO ANN and
CHARLES

IRENE and BILL

LINDA KAY and FRANCIS

BANQUET

JR. and SR.

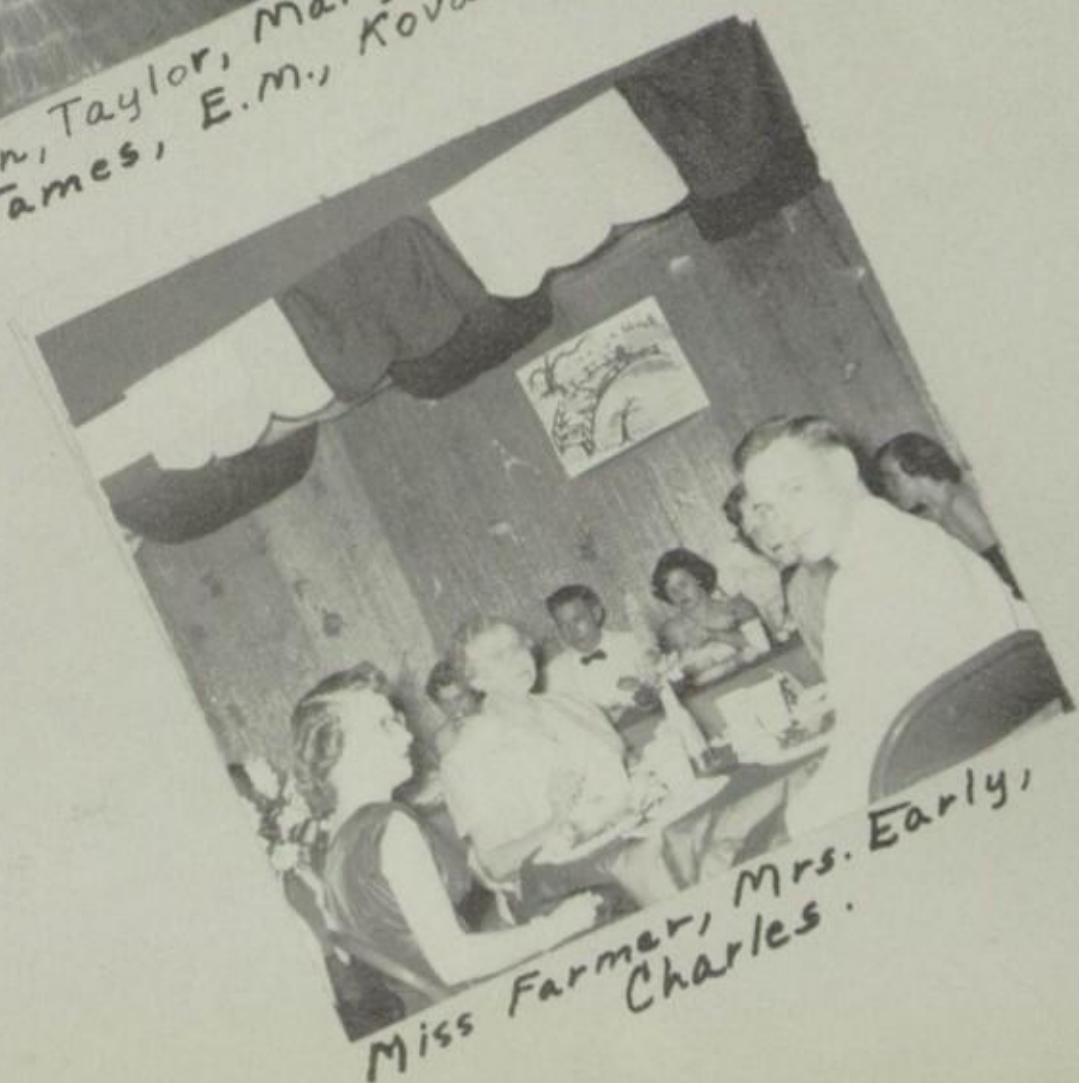


Edward, Marilyn, Linda, and G.P.

Mr. Myers

Helen, Taylor, Mary Jane, Mike, James, E.M., Kovar, Sue.

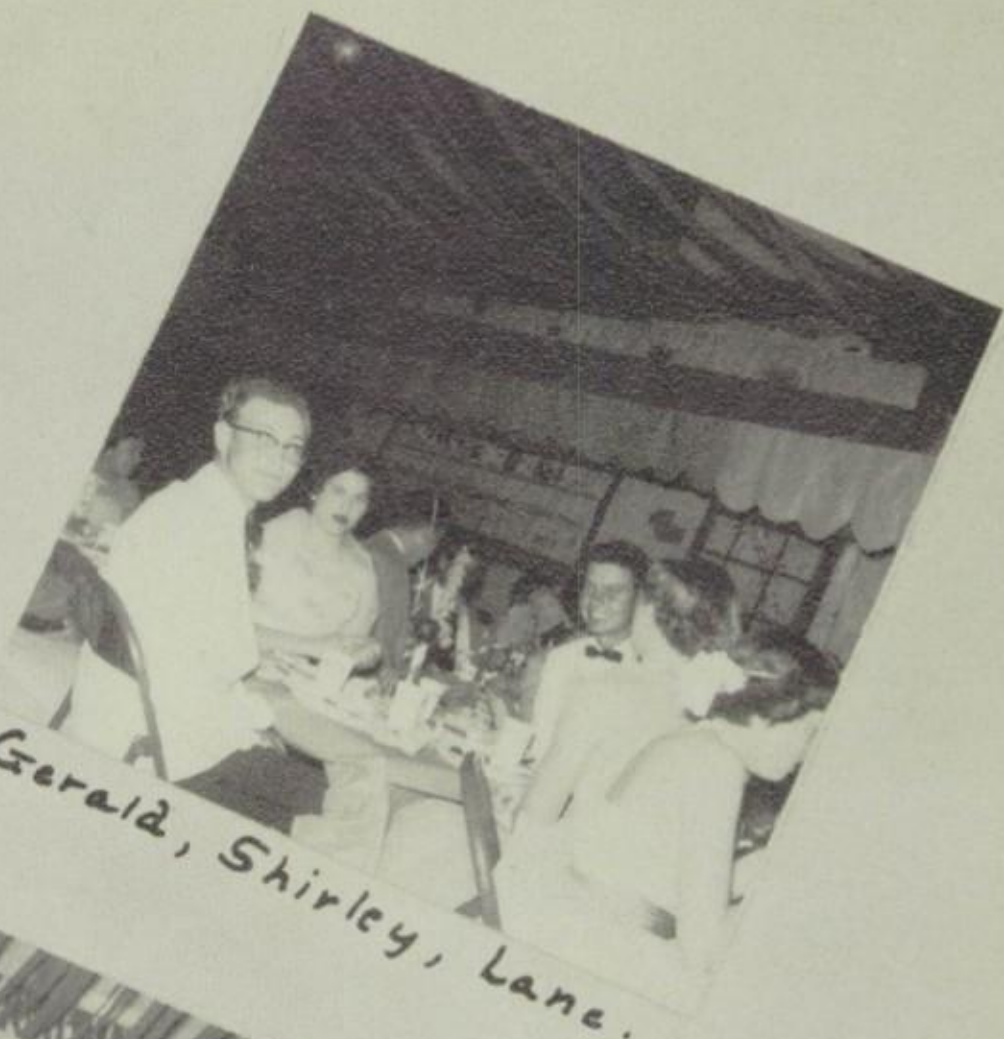
Mr. + Mrs. Howze



Miss Farmer, Mrs. Early, Charles.

APRIL IN PARIS

Jimmy, Mike, E.M, Larry.



Gerald, Shirley, Lane.

Garland, Jeanie, Gary, Jeannette.

Glenda, Marcia, Jimmy, Harry.

Angie, Jimmy, Randol, Jackie.

The ideal girl, Mary Jane Boring and her escort, J. B. Waltermire.

Y-Teen Spring Formal

Mrs. E. A. Klipple, Y-Teen sponsor, was presented a beautiful corsage for the work which she has done for the club.

Mary Westmoreland served as master of ceremonies and introduced each member of the court as she entered.

Y-Teen Court

Left to right: Mary Jane Boring, Larry Huitt, Chloe Rugley, Dick Dye, Jackie Edmondson, Jackie Sumners, Ruthie Fikes, Jimmy Shaw, Shirley Darby, Martherle Broughton, Libby Glenn, J. B. Waltermire, Bobbie Jean Long, Louis Frank, Betsy Coleman, Charlene Carr, Brooks Liston, Claire Lyle, Charles Shoultz, Dorothy Cox, Bobbie McCullough, Janiece King, Jimmy Westmoreland.

Senior Play

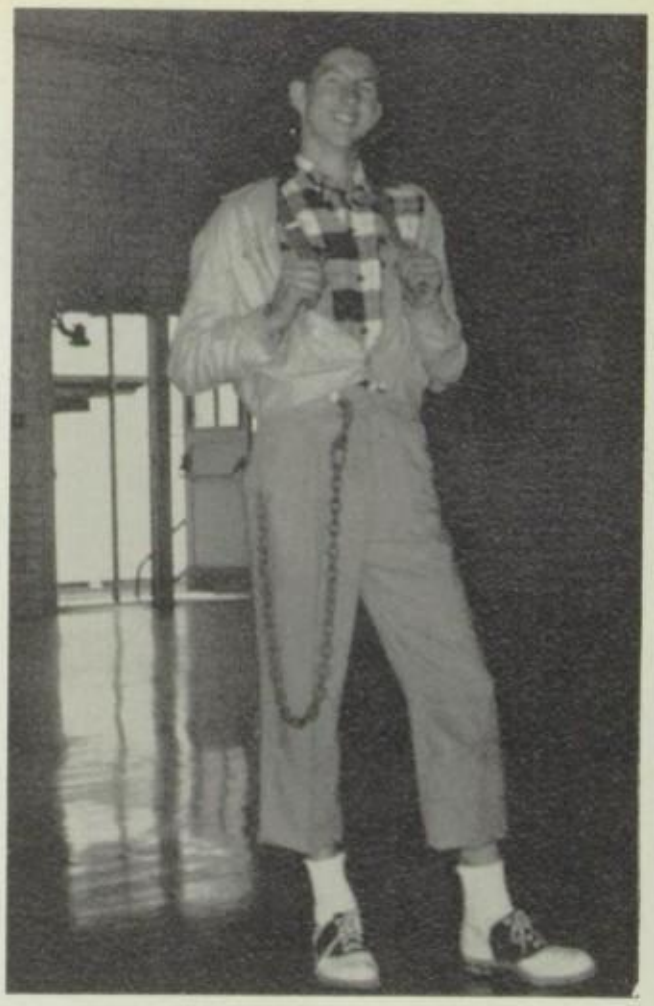
"Curtain Going Up"

Front row: Martherle Broughton, Myrna Smith, Libby Glenn, Claire Lyle, Mary Westmoreland, Willa Dean Chapman. Second row: Margie Byrd, Peggy Dierlam, John Paul Greenwalt, Larry Hunt, Asa Yeamans, Jimmy Gartrell, Jimmy Rising, Mary Jane Boring. Back row: Emily Romine, Ann Burr, Bobbie Jean Long, J. B. Waltermire, Charles Mosley, Joanne Mielsch, Charlsie Conerly.

"Curtain Going Up" was the story of the production of a play in high school. The action took place on the stage and in the auditorium, during rehearsal and after the performance. Among the myriad comic obstacles with which poor young Miss Burgess was faced (it was her first play) are: a grouchy janitor with a sharp tongue, the disappearance of the play books the first day of rehearsal, a set of comically crossed up high school romances with a capital "R," a charming young heroine, her disgruntled athlete, a professional actress with advice, a banker's daughter driven to theft by dirty tricks of her father's ambition . . . and then a romance for young Miss Burgess herself. Presented the eleventh and twelfth of March, this three act comedy was directed by Miss Marjorie Farmer.

This is one of the many amusing and hilarious scenes from *"Curtain Going Up."*

On February 16, the Annual Staff presented to the student body of the Junior High and the High School a Variety Show made up of talent from both schools. In the picture to the right we see Jimmy Westmoreland who played the part of a Hero-lover in the pantomime "And the Lamp Went out." In the bottom picture we see Steve Gasaway who played the part of the Villain in the same pantomime. Other members of the pantomime were Shirley Darby, Glenda Starnes, and Mr. Spielman who was the narrator.



In the center picture we see the Filthy-Five minus One who furnished the music for the occasion and Bobby Petre who stole the show with "Ricochet Romance." Others who participated in the show were Ann Caseman, Dickie Dye and Michael Fricke, Anthony Acosta, Barbara Broughton, James Gobert, Regan Stone, and Darla Martindale, Calvin Smith, and Nita Reeves.

Paul announces
FootballSweetheart
Claire Lyle.

Mr. E. M."Dependable" Huitt

THIS is a science class?

The Cats Tale Staff

Mr. Kenyon writes a letter

Time out for coffee

Betsy, as usual, with her mouth open.

Sir Watson and Sir Kennedy in a Championship Chess Game.

Lois and Bobsy look as if they are enjoying Dallas.

What's so interesting?

Ann can't talk without her hands.

Junior High School

Favorites

At right: BECK CLAPP and DON JONES were elected by popular vote of the Eighth Grade as their favorites for 1954.

BRENT KIRBY and DOROTHY WILLIS were elected by popular vote of the Sitxh Grade as their favorites for 1954.

SHARON AMMONS and BILLY CARRIDINE were elected by popular vote of the Seventh Grade as their favorites of 1954.

Junior High

MRS. PETERSEN
Home Room—6A

K. Amos, K. Anderson, C. Cantrell, G. Barber, K. Meinke, S. Salter, J. Fisher, K. S. Gerand, N. A. Gernand, A. Hagaman, V. Walleck, J. Hines, H. M. Hoppe, P. Kelly, W. J. Lane, L. D. Lawrence, B. Miller, C. Neumann, C. Ocha, L. Odom, D. Richardson, L. Rooth, Joe Cordoba, Jr., S. Steves, L. Tibbetts, C. Rakestraw, R. Thompson.

MRS. IMHOFF
Home Room—6B

M. Friplet, C. S. Hildreth, G. L. Norris, M. L. Brown, S. Perez, P. Phillips, Nina Berchey, N. M. Reeves, L. Seerden, H. R. Smith, G. Lively, L. Landrum, B. M. French, M. Gavender, E. Matheny, S. Bolling, D. Hale, B. J. Bolden, V. New, A. L. Luna, A. Symmank, P. Matthews, R. S. Irvin, I. Hansen, E. G. Briggs, R. Titts, J. Lee, R. L. Jones.

MISS EMMA CHAMRAD
Home Room—6C

R. Hernandez, B. Rodriguez, J. Brinkley, J. Loos, B. S. Johnson, J. Williamson, B. Reading, T. Amattha, J. Taylor, L. Hughes, W. McPeak, B. Fields, M. Schoultz, S. Lee, A. Kasman, B. J. Irwin, J. Matthes, M. Yanez, J. Lowe, P. Fricke, B. Broughton, Z. J. Hammock, M. McMinn, A. Olson, M. Knost.

MISS DELLA OLIVER
Home Room—6D

E. L. Boring, B. Byrd, B. Ware, J. Norris, B. Tweedle, J. Norris, J. Sherrer, M. Kogutt, M. Crain, J. Wright, E. Ramos, S. Holloway, A. J. Gobert, J. Ware, T. Hoke, S. Juarez, L. Montayo, J. W. Bucek, R. Patterson, D. Willis, L. Pena, D. Martinez, R. Wilder, B. Gallagos, V. Gutirez, E. Ledwig.

Junior High

MRS. SWEENY
Home Room—6E

Z. Montague, C. A. Powell, C. Head, R. E. Harvey, C. Fox, M. Miller, J. Foster, C. E. Garza, J. Ramirez, H. Conoll, J. Boring, L. Manning, J. Sherrer, R. A. Green, L. M. Meyer, M. Duncan, J. Crabb, L. Moore, A. Taylor, B. Rodgers, W. Johnson, J. Guthry, O. Greer.

MRS. BALUSEK
Home Room—6F

N. Bagley, M. Burwell, S. Elkins, E. Falks, E. Johs, J. Ledwig, L. Henderson, D. Foote, B. Fehmel, R. Herreth, M. Jay, L. S. Mills, J. McDonald, B. Kirby, N. Etie, C. Stanley, A. S. Green, J. Spencer, R. Smith, M. Rouse, G. Walker, L. Ware, P. Sterling, P. Wade.

MISS SMITH
Home Room—8D

R. Mendez, J. Hubbard, R. Martinez, B. Carrol, C. Hudson, B. Byrd, L. Augsburger, J. Parker, M. Odom, B. F. Meadow, L. Braden, V. Lively, J. N. Bucek, W. Little, F. Baten, C. Bailey, P. McCrosky, H. Taylor, B. Clapp, S. Partida, I. M. Fischer.

MISS STEVENS
Home Room—8E

B. Henderson, A. Garrison, D. Johnson, W. Lowe, R. Block, S. Hixon, D. Scott, L. Lawerence, E. Ray, J. Smith, E. Bryant, L. Arnold, C. Head, P. Horn, T. Laxton, B. L. Eckelberg, J. Fortenberry, R. Rutherford, T. Tatum, J. Conroy, B. Williams, B. Hammock, K. Henderson.

Junior High

MRS. COPELAND
Home Room—7A

C. Walker, N. Newman, S. Ammans, G. Gilebs, C. Reed, J. Wear, J. Brumley, L. Hatchett, B. Blackwell, P. McCullough, J. Wear, V. Head, M. Lawrence, S. Sewell, R. Henderson, P. Harvey, A. Sexton, C. Bullock, R. Hillman, J. Cheatham, J. Anderson, L. Richardson, R. Chappell, B. Vaughn, D. Payne, B. Steussy.

MRS. JECMENEK
Home Room—7B

R. Hagaman, B. Heiligbrodt, E. Schietinger, D. Eidlebach, L. Downing, D. Wood, C. Dorrell, L. Waltermire, H. Ayers, T. Simpson, E. Caillouet, J. Davis, C. Shivers, Arthur Slone, M. Williams, R. Rhodes, P. Shaw, R. Braden, J. Hoke, T. Luna, J. Cain, J. Clayton, M. Patton, G. Slater, C. Hoots, R. Smith, A. Benedict, J. Christensen, M. Hibbard, B. Burden.

MR. PETERS
Home Room—7C

C. Lankard, L. Estlinbaum, B. Lane, B. Robertson, H. Ham, D. Sledge, C. Tillman, N. Tweedle, J. Vowell, M. Maralez, J. Marrow, C. Wakefield, D. Dillenbach, M. Wills, B. Lee, P. Lesikar, F. McClosky, Z. Payne, C. Hudson, J. Voyles, G. Sandusky, R. Allen, P. Cook, G. Davis, J. Mendiola, N. Brown, H. Arais, L. Arsola, P. Baxter, J. Blum, C. Hoppe, E. Hazlewood.

MR. SCHRAUB
Home Room—7D

F. Garza, T. Arias, E. Benedict, N. Smith, G. Casner, A. Stevens, J. Rameriz, V. Little, R. Munson, W. Kelton, R. Stewart, L. Fisher, G. Voitle, B. Ledwig, H. Drapela, C. Harvey, J. Hahn, C. Guzick, B. Carradine, C. Tucker, C. Hahn, L. Ellis, L. Rodriquez, D. Martinez, K. May, V. Richers, P. Williams.

Did you know that the cultivation of rice in Matagorda County began 53 years ago?

Junior High

MRS. SHEARER
Home Room—7E

B. Walker, M. Byrd, J. Enriquez, M. Sutton, J. Cox, J. Yeamans, J. Valdez, C. Sprague, J. Victery, W. Franklin, M. Chandler, D. Thompson, G. McGuirt, J. Arnold, D. Falks, D. Falks, L. Hudson, E. Barkley, C. Calloway, B. Bingley, C. Harrison, M. Preil, P. Spidowski, R. Cox, R. Elliott, B. Henderson, J. Anders, D. Pitie, B. Edge, G. Munson.

MRS. STATEN
Home Room—8A

C. Cadenhead, F. Kasman, N. Ashcraft, B. Martinez, J. Stanford, M. Ybarra, D. Dykes, Y. Williams, B. Miller, M. Maxted, H. Santos, W. Hairston, P. Hardy, H. Kirkland, W. Hairston, N. Rodriquez, G. Sue, D. Rodriquez, E. Martinez, P. Eggleston, J. Findley, J. Bunk, N. Reese, R. Hernandez, P. Franks.

MRS. SULLIVAN
Home Room—8B

G. Koenig, D. Fults, M. Roe, B. Coolidge, B. McKelvy, E. Graham, B. Vaughn, R. Swinford, B. Critendon, M. Stallings, J. Moon, S. Milner, N. May, D. Martindale, W. Rhodes, J. Rowland, M. Riley, J. Ryman, J. Herd, C. Linzy, S. Garner, F. Symmank, J. Cleveland, J. Davis, C. Stuart, B. Carroll.

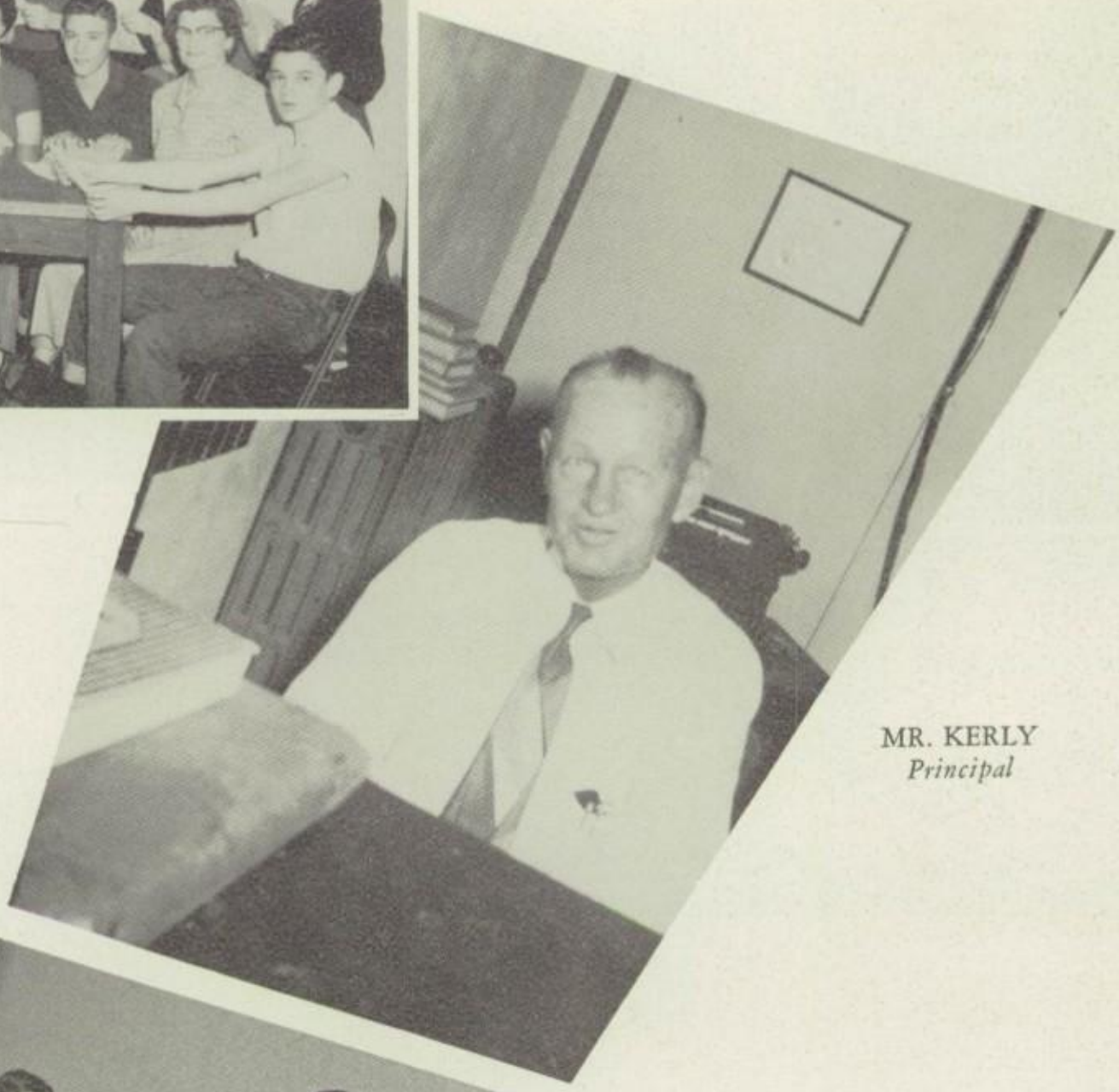
MRS. EINKAUF
Home Room—8C

W. Ritz, G. Knost, A. Cook, B. Elkins, E. Lyman, D. Slone, D. Jones, G. Cole, B. Hodges, G. Lane, B. Graham, D. Dalton, D. Smith, R. Stone, J. Smith, J. Gill, R. Ammons, K. Franz, M. Allen, E. Garcia, R. Payne, T. Irwin, B. Henry, F. Balusek, P. Guess.

In 1836 or early 1837 Silas Dinsmore was appointed chief justice of Matagorda a position comparable to that of county judge now.

Kitten's Purr Staff

Top row, left to right: Egleston, Fults, Maxted, Meadow, Graham, Black, Guess, McKelvy, Dorrell. Front row: Cleveland, Mrs. Sullivan, Hardy, Parker, Findley, Franks, Mrs. Einkauf, Critendon.



MR. KERLY
Principal

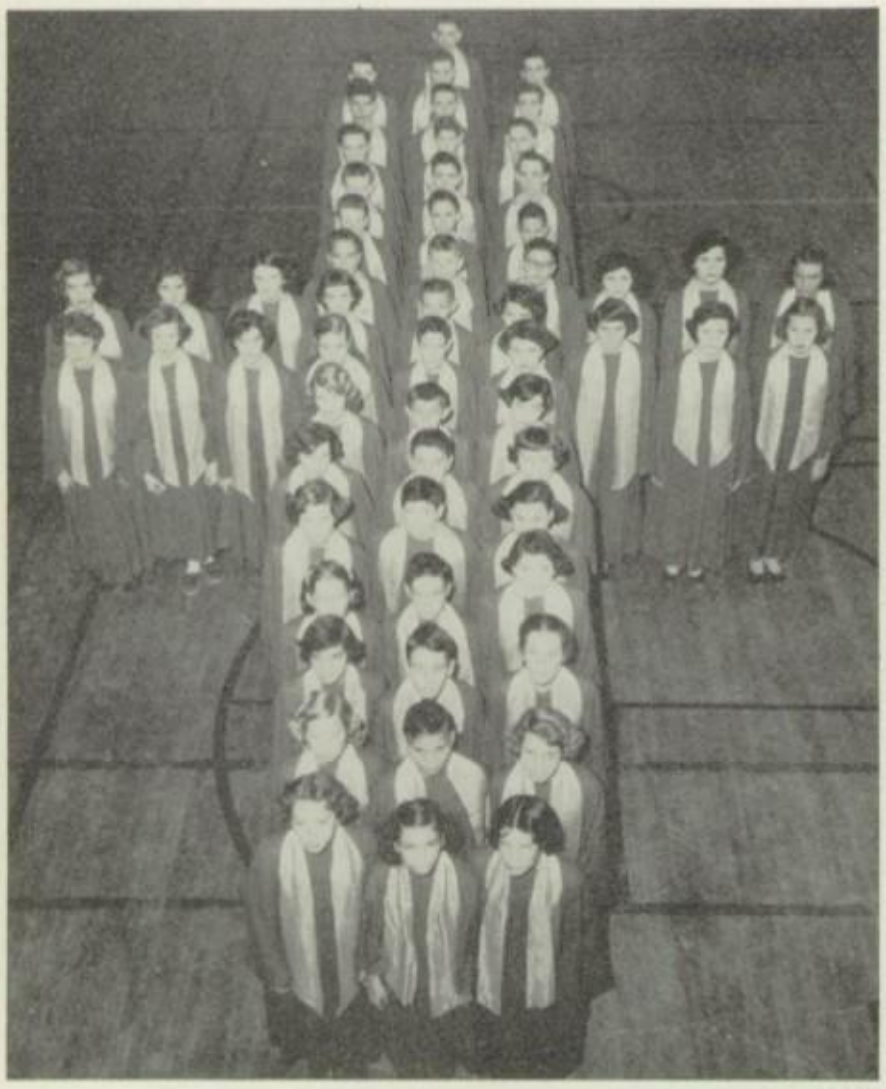
Student Council

Top row, left to right: Carridine, Davis, Franks, Lane, Baten, Critendon, McGuirt, Kirby. Bottom row: Garza, Neumann, Eckleberg, Mendez, Willis, Matthes, Hagaman.

Junior High Activities

Junior High

A Cappella Choir



MR. KARL HICKFANG
Director, A Cappella Choir

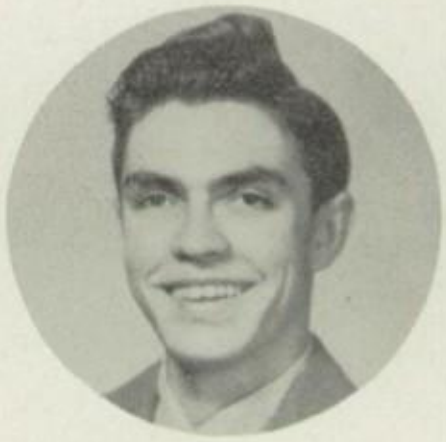
Choir Council

Top row, left to right: Heiligbrodt, Lane, Cleveland, Vice President; May, Jones, Critendon, Treasurer. Front row: Rowe, President; Dalton, Social Chairman; Graham, Secretary; Martindale, Stewart, Rhodes, Stallings.

Twirlers

Left to right: De Los Santos, Ammons, Hardy, Williams, Ashcraft.

The Kitten Band

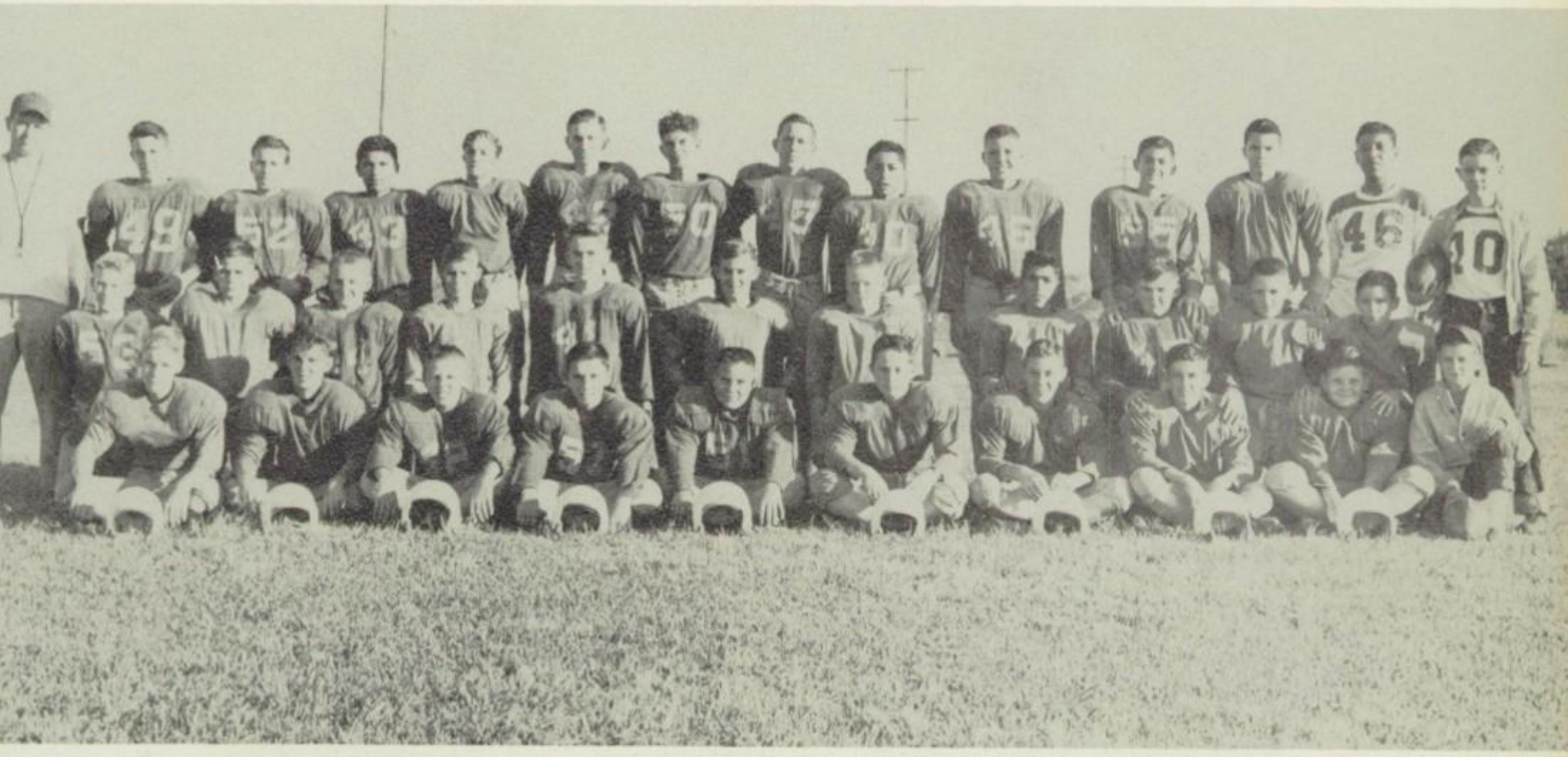


MR. BOB CONKLIN
Director, Kitten Band

Kitten Cheerleaders

Top row, left to right: Kelley, Estlinbaum, Fults, Parker, Dalton, Lankard. Front row: Dorrell, Clapp, Rowe, Coolidge, Lane, Steves.

Kitten Football Team



Top row, left to right: Lowe, Knost, Augsburger, Shivers, Heiligbrodt, Hagaman, Franks, Collida, Williams. Middle row: Swinford, Ammons, Slater, Lyman, Baten, Lane, Patton, Rodriquez, Davis, Laxton, Carridine, Crittendon. Front row: Coach Schraub, Gates, Baily, Martinez, May, Cleveland, Stone, Jones, Mendez, Bunk, Little, Ryman, Hernandez.

Sports

Junior High Basketball Team

Top row, left to right: Coach Schraub, Augsburger, Hernandez, Lowe, Cleveland, Franks, Little, Mr. Peters. Middle row: Cadenhead, Slater, Crittendon, Mendez, Shivers, Head, Collida. Front row: Richardson, Carridine, Calloway and Vaughn.

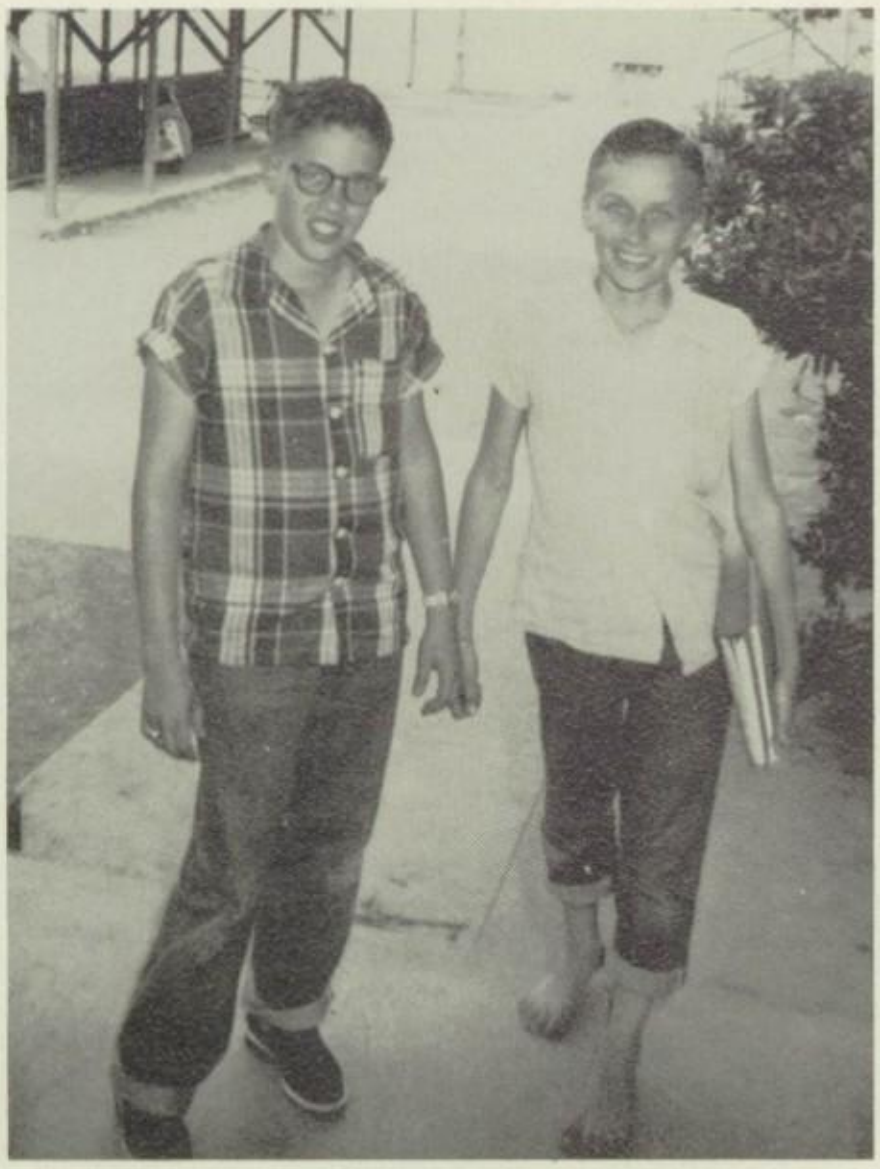
Top row, left to right: Voitle, Heiligbrodt, Salter, Mr. Peters, Patton, Foote, Chappel. Middle row: Wilkins, Caillouet, Hale, Voyles, Falks. Front row: Vaughn, Norris, Sterling, Ham.

Junior High Swimming Team

Enjoying a Volleyball game at the Faculty Picnic is Mrs. Einkauf and Mrs. Copeland.

Left to right: Estlinbaum, Meadows, Hardy, Row, Steves, and Chappel.

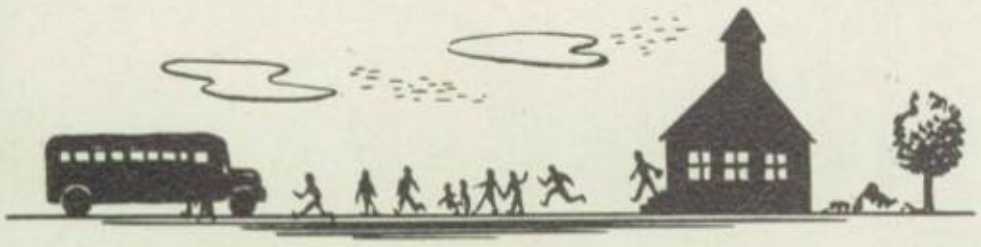
Odds and Ends

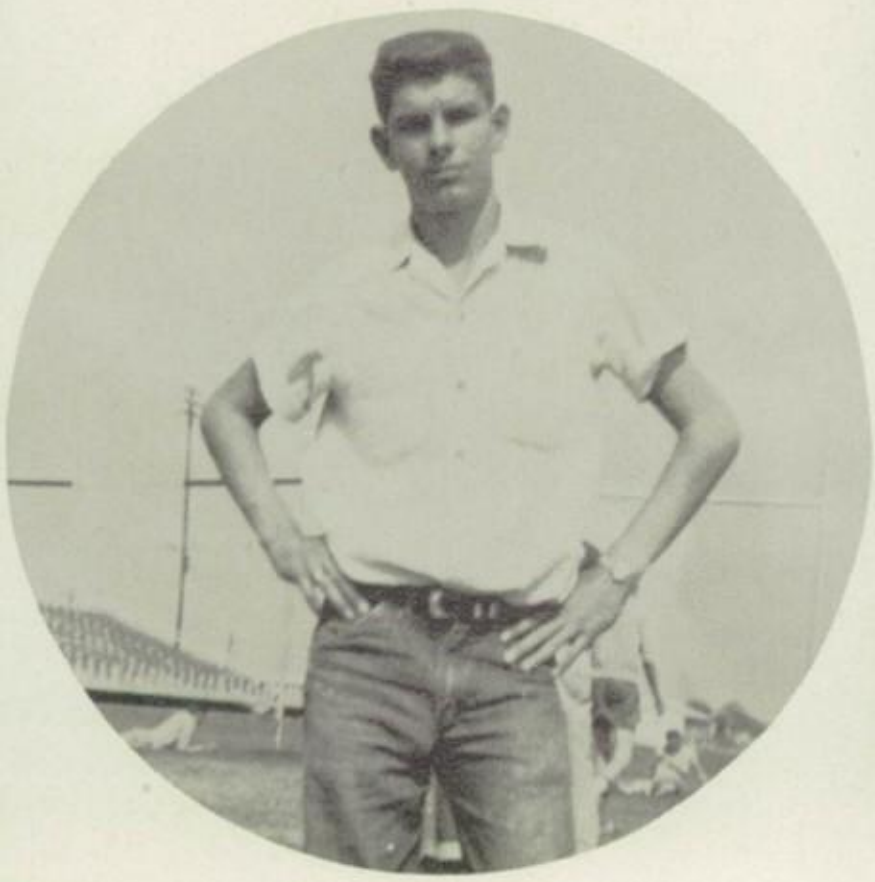


Nelson Brown and Arthur Slone caught in the camera's eye as they enter the Junior High.

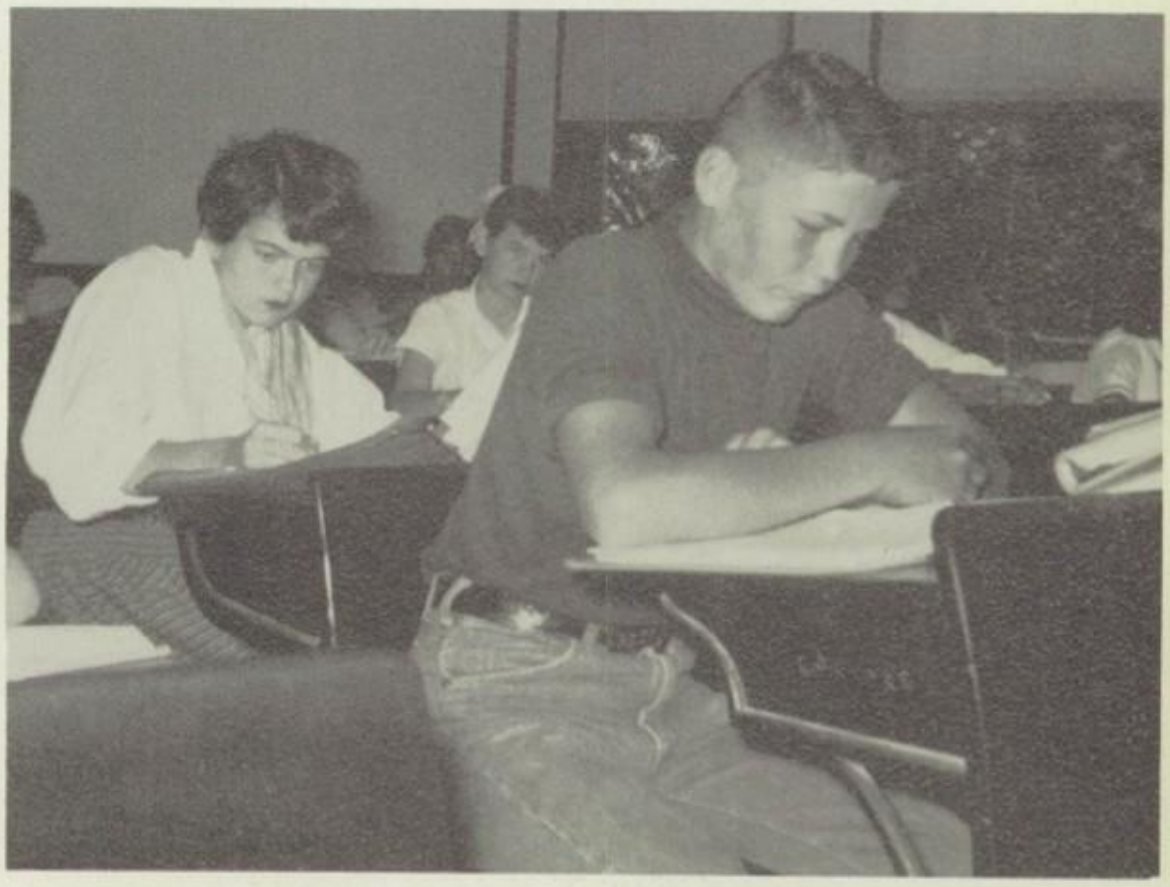
Billy Walker busy cleaning his locker.

One of Miss Steven's busy math classes.





Reagon Stone, the guy with the voice.



Johnny Bunk and Patricia Hardy absorbed in their studies.

Snaps Around Junior High

Nancy Bagley in Study Hall.

One of Miss Smith's busy Geography Classes.

Mrs. Staten's class pictured in the new wing at the Junior High.

Edward Falks, Pete Sterling, and Robert Smith obliged the cameramen with a smile.

Glenn and Charles pause from their studies.

Seventh Grade Favorites

Betty Irwin, Sandra Lee, and David Harrison between classes.

Linda, Brenda, and Joe help the librarian.

We've thought for nine months for a name for this page but haven't found one. You name it.

You write the copy.

Is this your lazy day Lindsay?

Edward Ottis, George Kain, Clancy Baxter, and Raymond Cox with their sponsor, Mr. Sowell.

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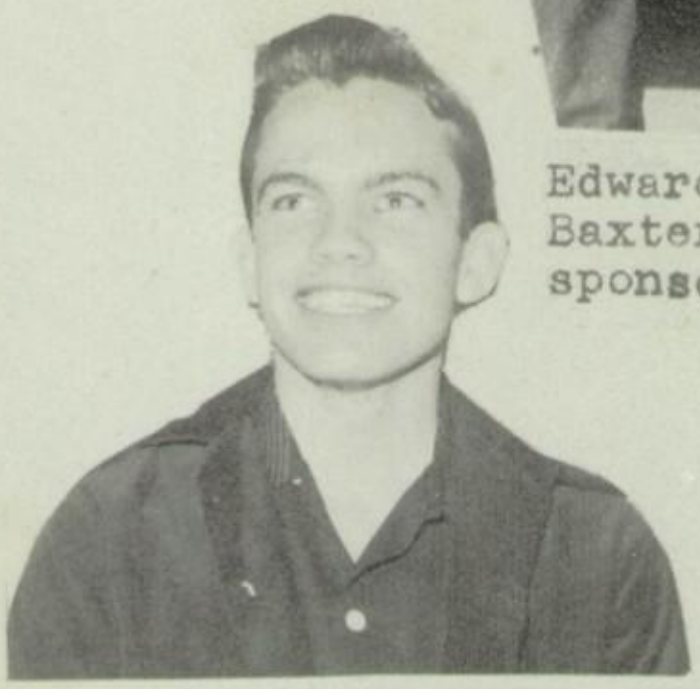

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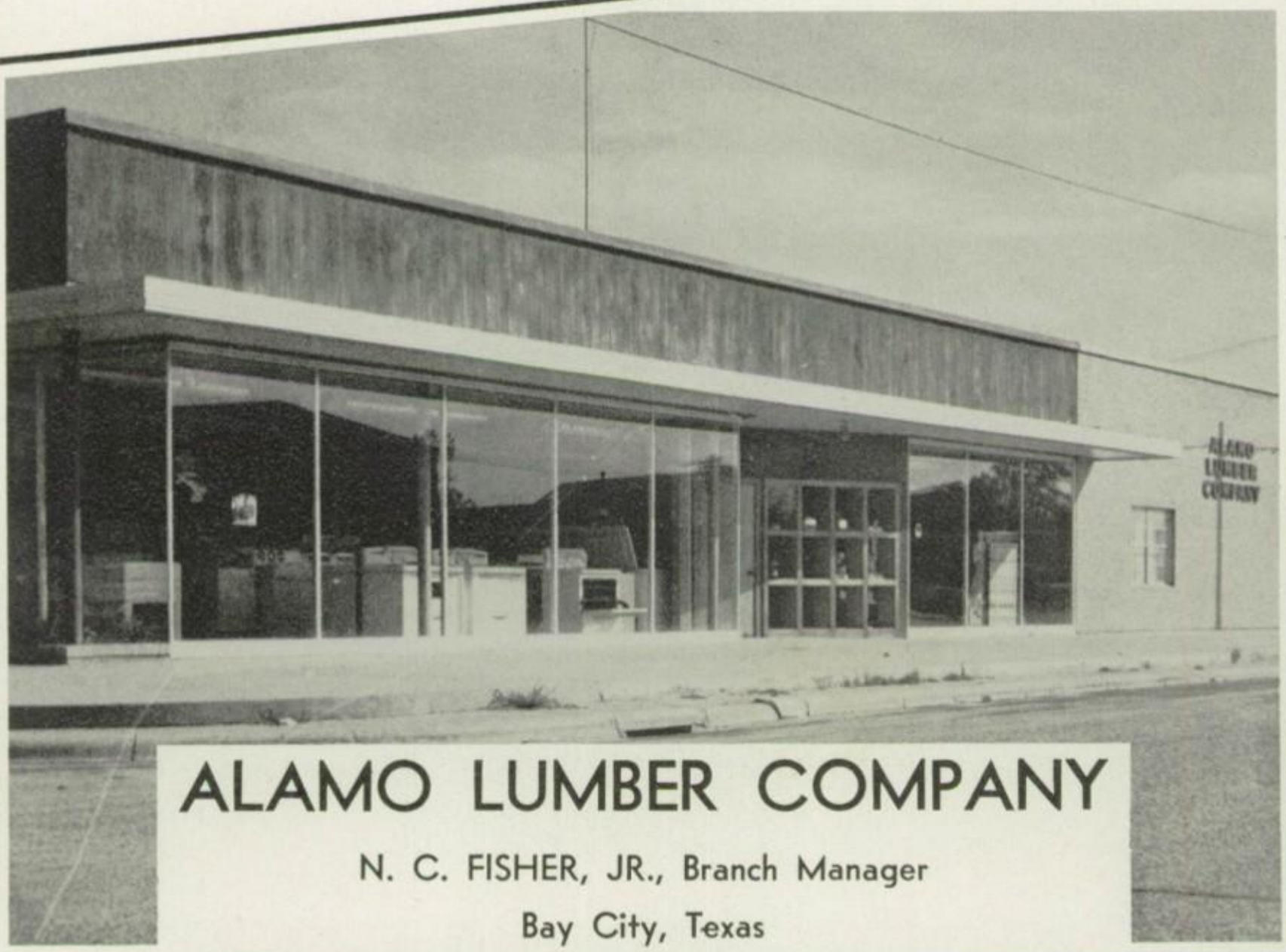

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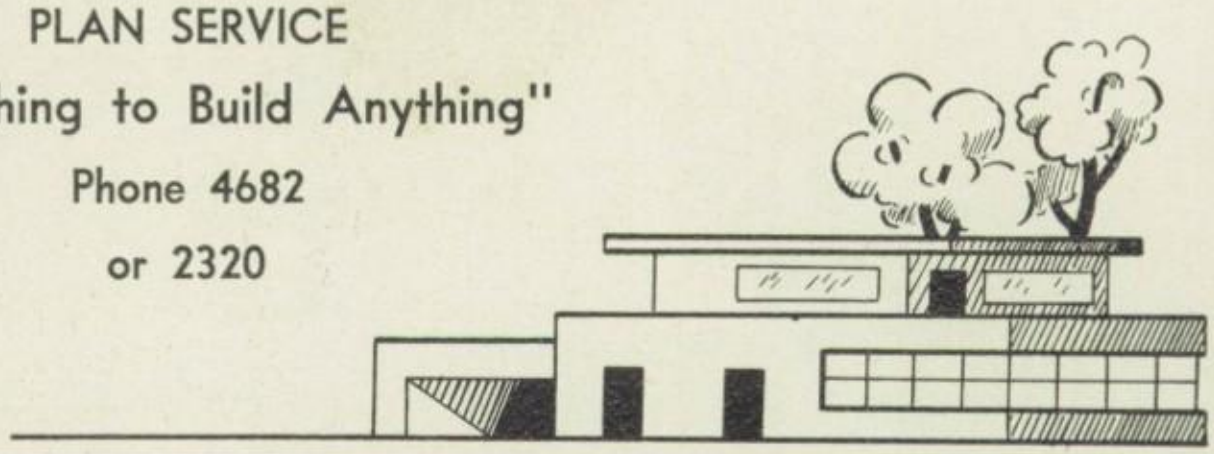

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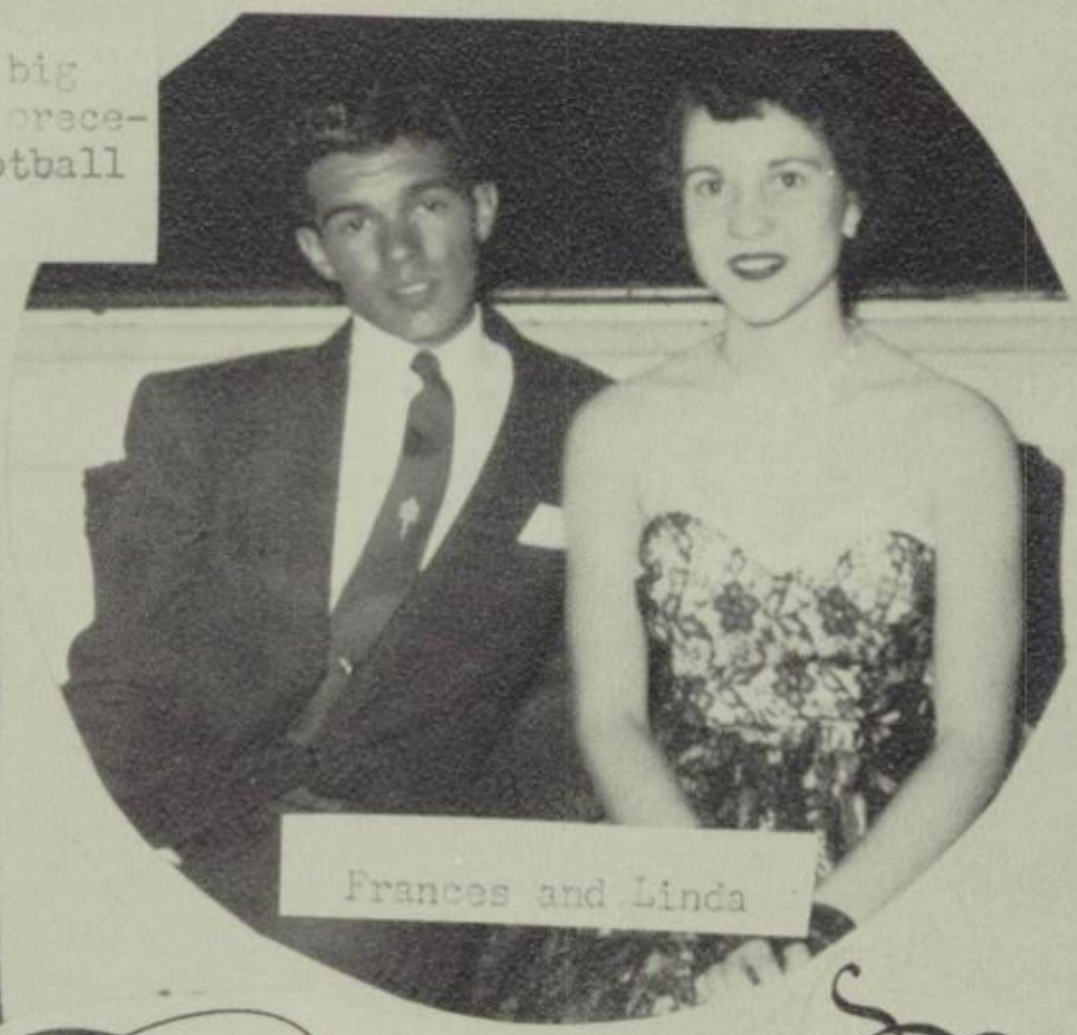

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Mr. & Mrs. Spielman at the
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Doris Cain, one of BCHS
Typist who is very good..

What are you smiling about,
Ish?

Elizabeth Ann and Jimmy
seem to be awfully busy
in their 5th Period
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You won't believe it but
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Barbara Simons.

Looking Back Over the Pages of Time

Marian Lloyd was editor of the 1936 Blackcat Annual and Lewis Matchett was the Business Manager.

Frank Montague was president of the Junior Class in 1936. Today he is doing well in the insurance business in "Our Town."

The Pep squad had its beginning back in 1924 under the leadership of Mrs. Keye Ingram.

Quotation from the 1924 Edition of the high school yearbook:

"If it causes you to be more indulgent to the school kids of 1924 because you realize they are no worse than you, then the purpose of this little book will have been accomplished."

Quotation from Senior class of 1924: Nola Mae Williams (Our own Mrs. McWilliams, teacher of Math) "A veritable encyclopedia."

The first glee club in Bay City high school was organized in 1920 under the leadership of Mrs. Phelps.

In 1924 Thelma Curry won by a majority of votes a beauty contest sponsored by the second annual staff of the high school. The contest was held for the purpose of raising money for the publication of the annual. Votes were sold ten for ten cents.

Central high school of Houston defeated the high school of Bay City in the tennis finals to become the District Champs of 1923.

In 1942 Bay City had one of its worst storms. In 1945 the Colorado River overflowed into the town.

Yvonne Lyle, sister of editor Claire Lyle was editor of the Blackcat Annual in 1948.

Chil Wills, Susan Cabot, Wayne Morris and Vera Ellen, Movie Stars visited our campus in 1953.

Mr. Phillips, Commercial teacher in 1952, tied for third place in Worldwide Shorthand Contest sponsored by Gregg Publishing Company.

The Teachers of our High School, Junior High, and Elementary Schools and their families get together for a barbecue.

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